

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
October 2, 2023 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
Drafted: October 30, 2023
Approved: November 13, 2023

Members: Matthew O'Connor (Co-Chairperson), Akilah Skerrette-Banister, John Botelho, Richard Milne, Kathryn Walker

Absent: Michael Yudelson (Co-Chairperson); Lola DeAscentiis; Sean Delehanty

Staff: Clement Chung, Pat Gooch

Guests:

Attending via Zoom: Alden Smith; Anna Yatteau; Michael Garland; Madison Quinn; Joe Vankerkhove; Molly Gaudioso, Colliers Engineering and Design; Loretta Morrell, Federation of Monroe County Environmentalists & Color Greece Green; Rachel Scudder and Jenny Loewenstein, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

Welcome, Introduction and Announcements (Co-Chair O'Connor):

Meeting called to order at 3:37 P.M. by Co-Chair O'Connor.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Motion by Richard Milne to approve minutes from September 11, 2023 meeting; seconded by Matthew O'Connor. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Update (Legislators Yudelson, Delehanty and Milne):

Not much new. Continue to hear positive comments from residents on moving forward composting, Pittsford food scraps program. Legislature has passed everything CAP-related before it to move forward with the program.

All 500 buckets in Pittsford Food Scraps Pilot reserved &/or picked up by residents.

Climate Action Plan Phase II Update (Presentation by Molly Gaudioso, Colliers Engineering and Design):

1. GHG Inventory Report

- Preliminary draft sent to CAPAC on 9/25
 - Suggest adding Executive Summary – will be pulled into the actual Plan
- Will send BAU forecast next

2. Draft Plan Outline & Preliminary Action Plan

- Public facing draft plan? Simplified from the goal workbook
- Sneak peek ad campaign (CE video?)

3. Public Outreach Updates

- Survey responses: 589 to date
 - Pat and Madison got greater participation through recent outreach events
 - Age distribution: 28% 25-34, 25% 35-44, 7% <25
 - Overwhelmingly white 85%, 4% Black, 3% Latino
 - 49% woman, 48%, man, 2% nonbinary, 5% other
 - More outreach on Western side of County this past weekend (Genesee Country Village & Museum in Mumford & Housing workshop at MCC Brighton Campus)
 - Looking to close survey in next week or two (will keep it open, but will start tabulation)
- Putting together a stakeholder outreach guide, work plan
 - Kate Walker reviewed initial list, suggested if email has been primary method, try cold calling – ask if meetings are happening we can attend/speak to their group? Kate offered to assist with calls to groups that have not weighed in and should be at the table
 - Some groups seeing survey for first time – it takes too long
 - ARPA: had submission portal for grant funding
 - Groups want to know where the funding is
 - Kate suggested one last ditch effort to increase diversity of respondents
 - Find out from community how meetings should be scheduled
 - How implementation is going to be rolled out?
 - Breakout working groups – subject matter experts advising the County
 - Message should be that this is the start of the process, living document, not too late to participate
 - Akilah Banister attended NYS Senate Climate Justice Roundtable – suggests co-hosting an event with local elected officials or prominent community members or groups to convene stakeholders. Rather than

trying to bring all stakeholders together, reaching out to leaders within community that haven't weighed in and ask them to convene a meeting for us to present, reacting to draft CAP Phase II

- Matt O'Connor has reached out to Pittsford Town & Village, Rotary Club, School District, & Chamber of Commerce. Suggests reaching out to Diocese of Rochester
- Kate Walker suggests big splash announcing next phase of outreach – draft plan and compilation of priorities gathered in outreach thus far for public comment and stakeholder engagement; Matt O'Connor suggested having another County Executive announcement video to generate excitement; Suggested PechaKucha presentation – simple storytelling, image based

4. Schedule

- Hope to present draft workbook to CAPAC meeting

5. Next Steps

Committee:

- Review GHG Inventory Report
- Think about how to increase stakeholder engagement – reach out to their own community contacts

Consultant team:

- Finish and send out Business-As-Usual Forecast to committee
- Complete review of Goal Workbook
- Provide ideas for public facing snapshot of draft plan

New Business: None

Public Forum: None

Next meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023 at 3:30pm in-person at the Monroe County Fleet Center Building 1 Conference Room. Changes or updates to the meeting venue will be communicated to the committee via email.

Motion to adjourn by Matt O'Connor; second by Akilah Skerrette-Banister. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.