

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
May 6, 2024 (3:30 – 5:00 PM)
Drafted: July 27, 2024
Approved: August 5, 2024

Members: Matthew O'Connor, Michael Yudelson, Sue Hughes-Smith, John Botelho, Rick Milne, Kathryn Walker, Lola DeAscentiis, Anna Yatteau, Mike Garland

Absent: Alden Smith

Staff: Clement Chung, Madison Quinn, & Billy Kedley, MCDES

Guests: Molly Gaudioso, Colliers Engineering & Design

Attending via Zoom: Akilah Skerrette-Banister; Loretta Morrell, Genesee Valley Audubon Society

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

Meeting called to order at 3:35 PM by Co-Chair O'Connor.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Minutes from the May 6, 2024 meeting approval – motion by Matt O'Connor; seconded by Sue Hughes-Smith. Motion unanimously carried.

Legislative Update (Legislators Yudelson, Hughes-Smith, and Milne):

Looking forward to meetings coming up – caucuses, EPW, adoption vote

This committee could meet in August to wrap things up before or adoption

Climate Action Plan Phase 2 (All):

1. Timeline

- July 9: Legislative referral
- Week of July 22: Caucus Presentations
- July 29: Environment & Public Works Committee
- August 5: Final CAP Advisory Committee meeting
- August 13: Full Legislature votes on adoption

2. Revised CAP discussion

- Incorporated feedback from Advisory Committee and the public
- Reformatting of the tables – instead of separate tables for county and community, combined table for each focus area with check boxes for County, Municipalities, Community Organizations, Businesses, Residents
- Added all 6 tables to executive summary for those not reading full report
- Links included in the document to referenced examples and sources
- Accessibility – searchable text within tables – accessible for PDF reader technology

3. Reviewed CAP Phase II Recommendation letter

- To be signed by all of the committee members, voting and non-voting
- Add language – our region is seen as a climate haven and others may look to relocate here from areas more severely affected by extreme weather
- Annual report to be submitted to Legislature and posted on website

Motion for approval of the CAP Phase II and the recommendation letter as revised by Matt O'Connor; seconded by Sue Hughes-Smith. Motion unanimously carried.

New Business: None.

Public Forum:

No comments or requests to speak were received.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, August 5, 2023 at 3:30 PM 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; seconded by Sue Hughes-Smith. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.