

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
May 4, 2023 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
Drafted: May 8, 2023
Approved: June 5, 2023

Members: Matthew O'Connor, Michael Yudelson, John Botelho, Kate Walker, Mike Garland, Anna Yatteau

Absent: Rick Milne, Sean Delehanty

Staff: Clement Chung, Tina Stevens

Guests: Loretta Morrell, Molly Gaudioso, Tom Robinson, Madison Quinn, Pat Gooch

Attending via Zoom: Alden Smith, Lola D'Ascentiis

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

Meeting called to order at 3:33 P.M. by Co-Chair O'Connor.

1. Matt O'Connor announced a change to scheduled meeting days: to **Mondays from 3:30-5PM**, beginning June 5. Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2023: June 5; July 10; August 7; September 11; October 2; November 13 and December 4.
2. Clem Chung and Mike Garland introduced Madison Quinn, the County's new Sustainability Manager. Madison will begin work in Monroe County at the end of May.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Minutes from the March 2, 2022 meeting unanimously approved. Motion by Kate Walker; seconded by Matthew O'Connor. April, 2023 meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

Legislative Update (Legislator Yudelson):

1. Legislator Yudelson informed the committee about a change in membership. Sue Hughes-Smith was originally appointed to the committee in 2020 as a citizen, and subsequently won election to the County Legislature. The President of the Legislature has asked that that the committee seat again be occupied by a citizen, and Akilah Skerrette-Banister would be nominated to fill the vacancy. Several members expressed regret over the decision to remove Legislator Hughes-Smith and Legislator Yudelson stated that he would convey their sentiments to the Legislature President.
2. Kate Walker stated that the committee is at a critical point with public engagement and the aggressive timeline to complete Phase II by the end of 2023. She presented her opinion that the committee should be expanded and youth (over 18, to comply with NYS law) be given full voting privileges. Mike Yudelson offered to assist with discussion around expansion, with one option being a referral submitted through the Legislature's Environment and Public Works committee. Mike will begin an offline discussion via email on this topic and all members will be included. Clem Chung stated that despite Legislator Hughes-Smith's absence from the Committee, the planned public engagement process for the CAP Phase II would continue as scheduled.

Climate Action Plan Phase 2 (All):

1. Molly Gaudioso from Bergmann presented an update:
 - Anchor QEA has been hired as a sub-consultant to compile the GHG Emissions Inventory, using the ClearPath tool which was used in Phase I. They will provide a BAU scenario, forecasts, target GHG reduction goals, emission reduction metrics and assessment of implementation strategies and actions.
 - The Anchor QEA team intends to leverage information about sources of GHG emissions that have already been compiled for the Monroe County community, such as the Finger Lakes regional inventory created by the Climate Solutions Accelerator.
 - Scope of GHG emissions includes emissions from sources not owned or controlled by the County and not included in the Phase I inventory, including employee commutes, purchased goods and contracted solid waste.
 - ICLEI US Community Protocol sources include: any physical process inside the jurisdictional boundary that release GHG emissions into the atmosphere, including transit vehicles, on-road and rail; industrial process emissions, marine vessels, stationary combustion of fuel, and passenger vehicles.
 - Activity protocol sources include: purchased electricity, stationary combustion of fuel, solid waste generation and disposal, energy and process emission for wastewater treatment, air travel and energy for portable water use. Potential sources include built environment, transportation, solid waste, water and wastewater, agriculture, forest and lands.
 - Climate Solutions Accelerator Sources and Activities include: Electricity - excluding emissions from imported electricity and fossil fuel imports; Transportation - emissions from product use under industry category; Buildings – emissions from product use under industry category; industry – oil and gas data not readily available; Agriculture; Waste – unclear amount of waste exported; and Forestry and land use.
 - Key dates for GHG Inventory Development: May 11 –Coordination with Climate Solutions Accelerator in June 2 – GHG Data Summary/Preliminary Findings; Mid-June – GHG Inventory and Baseline and June / July, Public Meeting #2

- Public Input Progress: 12 PM meeting – 102 Attendees, Live polling averaged 46 responses – 64% residents (homeowners), 15% renters; Other – property owners, government officials and staff. 6PM session: 34 attendees, Live polling averaged 15 responses – 59% residents (homeowners); 18% renters; Other: property owners, students, government staff
- Live polling results: Why attend?
 - Get Info on Process
 - Feel it is an important topic
 - Interested in progress so far and what County is doing
 - Interested in what community has to say
 - Find out how to get involved
 - Advance and encourage local action
- How would you describe local Climate Action efforts?
 - Unclear / Unknown
 - Lacking / Inadequate
 - Stymied / Slow
 - Just starting / Evolving / Going in the right direction
 - Ignored / Not supported by local government
 - Piecemeal / Siloed
- Priority Ranking of Focus Areas
 - 12 noon: Buildings/Housing, Energy Use/Consumption, Transportation, Land and Water Resources, Waste and Recycling, partnerships, education and economy
 - 6PM: Transportation, Energy Use and Consumption, Land and Water Resources, Buildings and Housing, Waste and Recycling, Partnerships, Education and Economy
- Molly presented a summary of the updates and top comments on the Ideas Wall from the presentation.
- Stakeholder Coordination
 - Preliminary Interest Survey: 42 respondents, good representation across types, received event info
 - To dos: Follow up with Key groups that did not respond; categorize and develop outreach strategy
 - Presentations/pop-up events to date: Climate Solutions Accelerator Collaboration Team, Climate Solutions Accelerator Collective Impact Steering Committee, NYWEA/AWMA Seminar; Climate Solutions Accelerator Summit, Honeoye Falls Arbor Day/Environmental Fair, University of Rochester Grassroots Sustainability group, Town of Perinton Sustainability Advisory Board, Brighton High School Climate Club Summit
 - Planned presentations/pop-up events: RAICA summit, Lilac Festival
- Pop-up events: Tracking document needs to be updated if an event is attended; tab for speaking opportunities
- Google Drive Resources include Advertising Material, Pop-Up Events and Info Materials, Stakeholder Resources and Public Input Summaries
- Materials for use (obtain from County or Bergmann): Large display boards with logo and project info, Project overview handouts, Ideas Wall Handouts, Comment Cards and Activities
- Next Steps – Immediate Actions:
 - Committee: share ideas wall, review stakeholder and pop up event spreadsheets – add events and volunteer
 - Bergmann: Continued stakeholder and pop-up event coordination, GHG Inventory Data Collection, Case Study Summary and Begin to Develop Goal Framework

Public Forum:

No comments or requests to speak were received.

Next meeting is **MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023** at **3:30 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 Mike Yudelson. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.