

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
May 6, 2024 (3:30 – 5:00 PM)
Drafted: May 28, 2024
Approved: June 17, 2024

Members: Matthew O'Connor, Sue Hughes-Smith, John Botelho, Rick Milne, Kathryn Walker, Mike Garland

Absent: Michael Yudelson, Akilah Skerrette-Banister; Lola DeAscentiis; Alden Smith

Staff: Clement Chung, Madison Quinn, MCDES; Pat Gooch, MC Planning & Development

Guests: Molly Gaudioso, Colliers Engineering & Design

Attending via Zoom: Anna Yatteau; Loretta Morrell, Genesee Valley Audubon Society; Ginny Maier

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

Meeting called to order at 3:32 PM by Co-Chair O'Connor.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Minutes from the March 4, 2024 meeting approval – motion by Rick Milne; seconded by Matt O'Connor. Motion unanimously carried.

Legislative Update (Legislator Hughes-Smith):

Rick Milne thanked Madison Quinn and Meagan Evans-Saurini for participating in the Honeoye Falls Environmental Fair on April 27. It was well attended despite light rain and great to have the County participate.

Climate Action Plan Phase 2 (All):

1. Clem gave a schedule update with remaining timeline for CAP Phase II deliverables. Discussion of presentation to legislative caucuses – between referral letter and legislative committees; send a letter under separate cover regarding implementation working group to President of Legislature and County Executive directly after Full Legislature vote after sunset of committee;
 - Public Workshop social media posts requested through Communications Department – Pat Gooch also shared on the Planning social media pages. Committee members are encouraged to share these as well.
2. Reviewed CAP Phase II Draft Materials
 - Introduction, existing conditions, projections
 - GHG breakdown – summary table; then more detailed information within each sector emissions breakdowns – baseline, Business as usual – if the NYS Climate Act goals are hit;
 - Suggested adding a line to the BAU forecast showing 80% reduction level for comparison;
 - Goal framework to meet 80% reduction goal – potential county actions and community-driven actions; County can serve as provider of information, funding/links to funding sources, or as a convener or connector;
 - Suggest adding clarification on page 45 – in first paragraph of text & in objective box 80% Reduction Goal by 2050, consistent with Phase I goal;
 - Actions – county actions & community driven actions
 - On pg 74 – should explicitly state the County will help identify funding opportunities as a County action in Partnerships, Education, Economy
 - Suggest stronger language about continued community engagement for implementation
3. Public workshop/open house scheduled this Wednesday, May 8 – virtual at 12PM via Zoom; in person will be an open house at MCC Brighton, the Forum, 5-8 PM. Committee members encouraged to participate in these sessions and share info on both workshops with their networks.

New Business: None.

Public Forum:

No comments or requests to speak were received.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 3, 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 Michael Yudelson; seconded by Matt O'Connor. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.