

GGC Tuesday, 1/28/25 5:30, Welcome Center conference room
Present: Pat Wallace (Chair), Sara Bitting (Treasurer), Richard Cox, Marcia Cullen, Pat Keefe;
joining via Zoom: Anne Hoyt

1, PW: Call to order, apologies for change of date (Yvonne Taylor appreciated it), and requested motion to approve November's meeting Minutes. Motion: SB; 2nd: RC, motion carried.

2, No introductions needed. Anne had invited Thomas Lyon who will now attend February's meeting with others from his Canandaigua task force:

Climate Smart Communities: <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>

Canadaigua's task force: <https://canandaiguanyork.gov/343/Climate-Smart-Canandaigua-Task-Force>

2024 recap: Chair/officer changes; MZ3; BID volunteering (weeding at Lakefront Park and downtown, Tree-lighting composting/recycling); updated our City webpage & membership list; created a new gmail address, public Facebook page, & online MZ registration form; delivered messages to City Council (re: hiring Jill B, support Lanfill closure); spring & fall native plant sales; liaison; Nov BOS guests (Jim Kennedy, John Pruett).

3, Reports:

A) PW, LC, AH: Assisted BID Tree-lighting (12/6/24, compost, recycle)

B) PW, RC, MC, PK: MZ4 (Oct, Nov, Jan; need tech support, more help) 15 vendors registered to date.

C) PW: GHS Green Club & Advisor (Kirsten Abbott) Green Club working on hydroponics, fighting fast fashion

D) PW: attended Town of Geneva Sustainability (1/13/25, composters available while supplies last; water retention

E) (PW: Mothers Out Front, Cornwall: electric school buses, NY Heat Act, toy/clothing swaps)

F) RC: Beth Kinne, Waterworks: <<https://www.hws.edu/news/2024/hws-takes-2nd-in-national-rainworks-challenge.aspx>>

G) RC, PW, LC, AW: 1/25/25 Wards 4, 5, 6 Town Hall

H) Ongoing:

i) PurpleAir (BluePrint)

ii) ReUse: contact SB if you have stuff to re-home; Geneva ReUse Systems is in jeopardy due to Trump administration's funding cuts.

iii) Ontario County Landfill BOS vote: SB: they voted to close it at the end of 2028 as planned, but a new 6000sqft expansion pit is now being dug. Who will supervise leachate/off-gassing?

iv) SMI: SB & Yvonne Taylor: write letters of support to the BOS to require a Resolution of Closure letter in solidarity.

v) Doran Ave,

vi) David West's zoning change

4, New business, aspirations:

stormwater management: SB: dredging the storm sewars helped, request City to repeat periodically. Castle Creek daylighting (JJ Nicholson)

Zoning (Jim Norwalk)

HAB/phosphate runoff in Seneca Lake: PW: health problem, bad for lake ecology & tourism.

renewable energy,

EV charging stations: PK: need more, especially downtown near restaurants. Phone/letter petition?

weatherization,

NY Heat Act,

Climate Smart Communities: PW: City of Geneva is registered, not certified. PW will ask David West if there's anything that GGC can do to work towards points for certification.

cyclist safety,

road salt/brine,

post-LF closure PAYT solid waste plan,

Geneva Climate Action Plan (even Houston has one: <https://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/Resilient-Houston-Two-Year-Report.pdf>)

AH: John Pruet suggested that we attend the Planning & Environmental Quality meetings.

5, Announcements:

A) PW: Climate Reality's FLX Book Group discussing How to Prepare for Climate Change by David Pogue via zoom 2/6/25. Let PW know if you want her to forward the zoom link.

B) AH/SB: Ontario County BOS Planning & Environmental Quality meetings: every 3rd Monday starting 1/16/25, 1:00pm, 74 Ontario St, Canandaigua, 2nd floor. Next meeting is 2/3/25, RC & MC will try to attend. AH is interested in attending future meetings.

6, Motion to adjourn: MC, 2nd:SB, motion carried.