



City of Eau Claire  
**SUSTAINABILITY**  
Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2023

**MISSION:**

*"To assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community."*

**DATE:** December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** City Hall, North Conf. Rm.

**CHAIR:** Brian Graff

**RECORDER:** Katrina Berg, Asst. Planner

**Members Present:** Steve Betchkal, Cameron Bump, Brian Graff, Gail Halmstad, Amy Kalmon, Jim Schumacher, Monica Obrycki, Gary Pesicka

**Absent:** Janis Tyler

**Staff in attendance:** Katrina Berg & Ned Noel

**Public in attendance:** Kathy Campbell

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order**

Chair Brian Graff called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call**

Committee member Pesicka took the roll and a quorum was met.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Approval of November Meeting**

Committee member Kalmon made a motion to approve of the minutes with a correction. Seconded by Committee member Pesicka. Unanimously approved.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda.**

None on spoke.

**Public Discussions**

**Item #5A Discussion on 2024 Work Plan**

Katrina Berg presented the 2024 work plan draft and asked for committee and public input on any additions that the committee would like to have staff consider adding.

Guest Kathy Campbell shared state statutes and policies about waste control and about the landfills.

There was discussion over the length of the work plan with some wanting to add more, while others wanted to keep the list more focused. The committee reached consensus to create a supplemental list of ideas in early 2024 that may serve as projects in future work plans.

Motion to approve the work plan as presented was made by Obrycki, and seconded by Bump. Those in favor were Graff, Bump, Pesicka, Schumacher, and Obrycki, and the motion passed. Those against were Kalmon, Betchkal, and Halmstad.

**Other Business Agenda Items**

**Item #6A Community Updates**

Ned Noel provided a list of solar related activities that have taken place over the last couple of years. Private sector and public projects were highlighted. The community continues to add solar capacity.

**Discussion and Direction**

**AGENDA ITEM #7A: Future Agenda Items**

- Election of Officers
- "Parking lot list of projects"

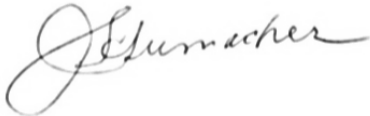
**AGENDA ITEM #7B: Announcements**

- The 23<sup>rd</sup> of January is when the City Council will review and consider approving the work plan.
- Garry Pesicka shared about the titanium coating road presentation.
- Monica Obrycki shared that Eau Claire Energy Cooperative is applying for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing to possibly build a utility scale micro-grid in Altoona. The City of Altoona was awarded a grant for a Microgrid feasibility study at the same site.

**AGENDA ITEM #8: Adjournment**

Committee member Pesicka motioned to adjourn, committee member Schumacher seconded. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**



**Jim Schumacher, Secretary**

<b>FUTURE MEETING DATES:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>
January 17th	3:30 p.m.	City Hall, N. Conf. Room