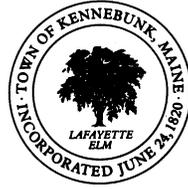


Town of Kennebunk, Maine



Minutes Climate Change Task Force

January 2, 2024 - 9:00 AM
Room 300 – Town Hall

Members Present: Maggie Bartenhagen, Betsy Smith, Chris Osterrieder, Lisa Pratt, Alison Malmquist, Bryon Laverriere, Chris MacClinchy, Josh Tabor

Members Absent: Lily Martin, Chris Pasciuto, Bryan Laverriere, Yvette Webster, Karen Winton

Others Present: Stephen Houdlette, Tom Berry

Lisa reviewed the strategies prioritization process from the last meeting.

The group discussed possible Task Force Vision and Goals edits. Josh and Alison will review and suggest changes, additions, deletions, wordsmithing.

There was a brief discussion of the expected timeline for the Action Plan and the pros and cons of going to ballot (broad mandate) versus seeking Select Board endorsement (expedient). It was agreed that an important next step is to familiarize the SB with progress to date, strategies under consideration and expected timeline. It was also noted that both Biddeford and Kennebunkport held public forums as “test flights” of their draft strategies. It was decided to put the decision of Town vote vs SB endorsement on hold until a Plan is in place. Because of deadline considerations, the June Town ballot is out and the new target would be November 2024.

The discussion turned to the voting results from the last meeting on preferred strategies. The result was a “down select” to 34 possible strategies of the 79 presented by SMPDC. Lisa also proposed two Municipal strategies not addressed in the SMPDC matrix – a possible ordinance to discourage single use plastics and more aggressive composting policies. Maggie favors recommending the creation of an office of Sustainability and a Sustainability Coordinator/Director, whose job would include grant pursuit and writing to help fund some (many?) of the strategies that will make up the Climate Action Plan.

There was a discussion about how to further refine the strategies – Chris O suggested a greenhouse gas impact ranking.

SMPDC will attend the next meeting and provide guidance on how to refine the strategies selection into an Action Plan. Lisa and Maggie will meet with SMPDC prior to that meeting.

Maggie will meet with the RSU 21 Operations Manager and a Port representative to discuss RSU 21's involvement with the Action Plan project.

Maggie and a Port representative will meet with town managers to discuss the background and issues surrounding more aggressive municipal solar implementation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.