

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Committee, February 16, 2023
Minutes

Call to Order ~ 6:32 PM by Anthony Dater, Chair

Members present: Wayne Berry, Tony Dater, Nick Bartenhagen, Maggie Bartenhagen

Members absent: Linda Miller-Cleary, Scott Negley, Lisa Pratt (Select Board Liaison)

Guest: Ryan Harold

Meeting Discussion:

Report on Climate-related issues: M. Bartenhagen updated the Committee on the last Climate Action Plan (CAP) Task Force meeting with Southern Maine Planning & Development (SMPD) on 1/25/23. SMPD has severed their relationship with Fourth Economy as the public outreach support for the four CAP Task Force communities (Biddeford, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Kittery). They are in the process of hiring a replacement for Fourth Economy. Task Force members were encouraged to look at Biddeford's public outreach plan and consider using it as a model for their own efforts.

SMPD also presented information on Buildings and Energy as it relates to developing a CAP. Among the issues covered were residential energy efficiency education, low-income weatherization programs and "stretch codes" (new building and retrofits guidelines/codes to attain certain energy efficiencies).

Composting Committee report: This Committee is currently not functioning because of lack of members.

Streetlight Subcommittee report: At the last EESC meeting it was learned that no sample streetlights had been installed for public comment. Kennebunk Light and Power District (KLPD) continues to install their choice of LED EOS lighting. There is no further information on any new developments regarding the project at this time.

Mr. Harold was welcomed as a guest. He indicated interest in the Committee and shared that he and his wife had recently moved from Biddeford to Kennebunk. He was invited by Chair Dater to consider filling out an application to become a member of the EESC.

There was brief discussion of educational outreach to the community on environmentally-related topics, however the members present concluded that our small Committee would not be able to handle additional efforts beyond what they are currently dealing with.

Respectfully submitted: Maggie Bartenhagen

