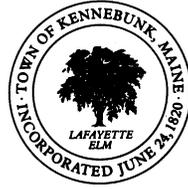


# Town of Kennebunk, Maine



## Minutes Climate Change Task Force

March 19, 2024 - 9:00 AM  
Room 300 – Town Hall

*Members Present: Betsy Smith, Lisa Pratt, Chris MacClinchy, Josh Tabor, Mark Kerr, Bryan Laverriere, Alison Malmquist, Yvette Webster, Maggie Bartenhagen*

*Members Absent: Lily Martin, Chris Pasciuto, Karen Winton, Chris Osterrieder*

*Others Present: Stephen Houdlette, Tom Berry, Carol Morris*

The meeting came to order at 9:15.

The meeting consisted primarily of a review of the Public Forum held the previous week, arrangements to be made for the April 2 workshop with the Select Board and further efforts to distribute the draft Plan to the public.

It was decided that the draft Plan would be shared with the Sewer District, Kennebunk Light and Power, the Water District and RSU 21. Betsy will deliver hard copies for the trustees and management to the offices of the first three of these and Maggie will see that the RSU 21 Board and executive staff are contacted.

Maggie referenced an interesting Brookings report on the impact of climate change on municipal borrowing.

Carol reviewed her “take” on the Forum. Attendance was good and feedback was mostly positive – nothing to recommend significant changes in the Plan.

Lisa reported that Heather Balsler suggested that an additional action item might include a recommendation that the Select Board appoint a standing committee to oversee implementation of the Plan as the Task Force will be “sunsetting” with adoption of the Plan.

The workshop will be held April 2 and will be broadcast. The presentation will include an update on the development process, feedback from the Forum, input from various

Town committees, boards and commissions. Carol will email the list of residents who asked to be “kept informed” to notify them of the Workshop.

There was a discussion about the timing of the Select Board vote on whether to adopt the Plan. It was agreed that it would be ideal to get the plan approved and the new committee launched before the end of the fiscal year – June 30.

It was decided that the Task Force should meet on March 26<sup>rd</sup> to further refine the plans for the Workshop.

It was agreed that the work of the former chair of the Energy Efficiency Committee, Sharon Staz, should be acknowledged in the introduction to the Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.