

MINUTES

Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (EEAC) Meeting 4/21/22 (6:30 – 7:45 PM)

PRESENT

Members: W. Berry, M. Bartenhagen, A. Dater

Attendees: Linda Miller-Cleary (Composting interest group), Jenn Armstrong & Andrea Roth Kimmich (Planeteers), Bob Weurthner, Chris Osterrieder (Kennebunk Development Director)

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of 2/17/22 and informal Discussions of 3/17/22

OLD BUSINESS

CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE PROGRAM. C. Osterrieder, Town Development Director reported on the four-town (Kittery, Biddeford, KPort and Kennebunk) climate regional action plan with the SMPDC. Kennebunk has already allocated \$59,000 to our action plan for FY 22-23. If SMPDC receives a grant for \$100,000, it would add \$25,000 to each of the four towns' planning. In May SMPDC will issue an RFP for a consultant to help the towns with outreach and identify tasks for the towns to accomplish. SMPDC will do the technical work for the towns while the towns will be the clearinghouse for data needs and identify stake-holders. As our first step EEAC will identify Kennebunk stake-holders, ourselves included.

Sass-Perry urged contacting UNH for support; communication is key; securing the consultant and then making a plan to implement climate change mitigation.

LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION PROGRAM. Osterrieder reported that the consultant RealTerm Energy (RT) has completed its inventory of GIS mapping of existing streetlights as to locations and types. It found a surprising number of LEDs already installed by KLPD (which were not authorized by the Town). RT has also received a spec sheet from KLPD on presumably what they view as relevant. May and June is the next step in RT's evaluation with their report due in July.

While all LEDs reduce the wattage and cost of lighting, the real issues, therefore, come down to selecting the lumen strength, the hue (Kelvins 2100 to 2700) and directional controls and shielding abilities of fixtures that would satisfy the Town's Street Light Policies and the citizens. Osterrieder is interested in the possibility of a control for dimming that could, for instance, allow for the turning-down of lights in residential areas after a certain time at night. Also, there will be, after the report, the installation of six +/- demonstration lights that RT recommends meeting the Town's Policies for the citizens to view and comment upon. Osterrieder is considering the straight stretch of Fletcher St. between the round-about and the highschool as a possible site due to the frequent use by many citizens. The Lower Village Committee (LVC) would also like demonstration lights there due to the complex mix of commercial and residential uses.

RT will do special studies on sensitive spots, including the Lower Village and the round-about in consultation with the Lower Village Committee and round-about abutters.

COMPOSTING TASK FORCE. Tabled until May 19th meeting to hear from the composting group's deliberations and Sass-Perry's reports on the 2022 annual conference by Food Rescue Maine of the UM Mitchell Center for Sustainability. Mark King of MDEP is doing presentations around the state addressing mitigation of food waste and food waste management. He would like to bring his "road show" to the Kennebunks.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2022 - 6:30 PM - via zoom

Submitted By A. Dater (scribe for meeting)

