

Town of Kennebunk, Maine  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
Minutes from the May 18, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was called to order @ 6:30 PM. Adjourned @ 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Maggie Bartenhagen, Tony Dater, Scott Negley (via phone connection)\*

Lisa Pratt (Select Board Liaison)

Members Absent: Linda Miller Cleary, Wayne Berry,

Attendees: Dennis Dow, Heather Balser (Town Manager)

\* Due to the meeting not being on zoom Mr. Negley could not vote, therefore a quorum was not achieved, so the meeting was an informational workshop with no votes or decisions made.

The minutes from the April 27 meeting were tabled.

**CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REPORT:** Bartenhagen updated the Committee on the Climate Action Plan Task Force's public outreach survey on climate change, indicating that so far there have been 241 responses online. Results so far indicate the top five citizen concerns are:

1. Recycling (58%)
2. Safer biking (56%)
3. Solar information (48%)
4. Community gardens (48%)
5. Weatherization (of buildings) (43%)

83% of respondents have concerns about the environment; 78% reported concerns on the town's infrastructure.

Part of the survey asked if respondents would like to participate in a 'community sounding board, which would come together and share more in-depth concerns and suggestions to the Task Force to help inform strategies and suggestions in developing the climate action plan. So far, there are 37 volunteers from Kennebunk interested in participating in this way. The survey deadline has been extended to June 20th, 2023. During Summer 2023 the Task Force will continue community outreach and, based on the final results of the survey, determine a schedule of projects to pursue. Lisa Pratt reported that there is a new Corning Life Sciences administrator that Pratt will contact to meet concerning Corning/ Town collaboration on climate initiatives.

**STREET LIGHTS CONVERSION PROGRAM:** Town Manager Balser reported that the Town is waiting for the new KLPD General Manager to come onboard before requesting a meeting over a cooperative approach between the town and KLPD on the conversion process and generally between the two entities.

Dater reported that there has not yet been a public hearing scheduled for LD 1845 (HP 1177) 'An Act to Regulate Outdoor Lighting' and the Committee has not received any input so far from town staff or KLPD Trustees.

**COMPOSTING REPORT:** Due to only two volunteers signing up so far for the new Composting Committee, Pratt proposes merging the committee into EESC and allow those EESC members involved in composting to pursue it as a sub-committee of EESC.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Consider a public meeting in the Fall on citizen and town sustainability initiatives including an Efficiency Maine spokesperson, Window Dressers, weatherization experts, others. Pratt opined that citizens seem to want to hear from experts on sustainability rather than just conversing among themselves.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 15, 2023