

# Town of Kennebunk, Maine



## Minutes Climate Change Task Force

August 8, 2023 - 9:00 AM  
Room 306 – Town Hall

*Members Present: Maggie Bartenhagen, Betsy Smith, Yvette Webster, Karen Winton, Lisa Pratt, Josh Tabor, Mark Kerr,*

*Members Absent: Lily Martin, Chris Pasciuto, Alison Malmquist, Chris Osterrieder, Bryan Laverriere, Chris MacClinchy*

*Others Present: Tom Berry, Carol Morris*

Carol Morris reported on the Sounding Boards plan. Both will be held at the Brick Store Museum Dane Street Program Center. There will be 11 attendees on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 12 on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August from 6:00 to 7:30. Carol Morris will facilitate. Lisa and Yvette will attend on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Maggie and Josh on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Pizza will be provided.

Those present went around the table to comment on their individual feelings about the Task Force's progress to date.

For the next meeting, everyone should review the strategies communication recently received from Karina at SMPD. Lisa will also resend links to Climate Action Plans by other towns.

Maggie reported that she, Betsy and Pam Morgan from the Port had met with Laura Dolce at the Chamber to discuss how to address and involve the business community.

It was confirmed that Alison, Yvette and Josh would be making a presentation to the Select Board to update them on the Task Force's progress and plans. Division heads will also be asked to attend that meeting so as to keep all of the key players in Town government involved.

Karen made a presentation on her thoughts about how to involve underserved communities in the Climate Change conversation. She will arrange for some focus group discussions at some affordable housing locations. She will also enlist staff to explore other channels to vulnerable population such as the elderly and/or the financially challenged.

Lisa updated the group on her work with Tina Radel on getting the word out about the development of a climate action plan. Social media, the Town website and press releases are all planned channels. Tina will use materials provided by SMPDC as well as our own resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.