

Minutes from 8/18 ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting via ZOOM

In attendance: Karen Winton, Mark Carter of Real Term Energy, Chris Osterrieder, Brian Laverriere, Lisa Pratt, Scott Negley, Wayne Barry, Maggie Bartenhagen, Tony Dater, Linda Miller-Cleary

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM.

Election of Officers: Tony Dater - Chair; Maggie Bartenhagen Scott Negley & Wayne Barry to rotate responsibility as “secretary”

Composting Committee (task force):

Pratt has been very active in organizing a composting “summit” or public workshop for September 22, 2022. She will meet with Town Manager and Laverriere to discuss details and staff involvement in this summit. More information to follow.

There will also be a public workshop on composting hosted by the Kennebunk Free Library and facilitated by Mark King, a state-level official engaged in educating about this issue throughout the state. This event is scheduled to occur on October 3, 2022.

Pratt is also planning information on composting to be distributed at the Household Haz. Waste Day on October 8, 2022

Selectboard has determined that the composting effort will form as a Town Committee, with by-laws and mission statement. At this time, there are only a few interested potential members of this committee, but Miller-Cleary indicated she has a list of people who have been interested in this effort in the recent past that she will share with Pratt and/or attempt to contact herself.

Climate Change Initiatives Program:

Bartenhagen reported on her recent appointment to represent the EEAC on the Climate Action Plan Task Force the Town has convened. She attended the first training session on August 4, 2022, hosted by SMPD (Southern Maine Planning & Development) on ZOOM. There was quite a bit of information provided by SMPD, and the next training session will occur on August 29, 2022. Bartenhagen will keep the EEAC up-to-date on what is happening with this effort as it goes forward.

LED Streetlight Conversion Program:

Carter and Osterrieder shared the progress being made on the streetlight conversion program. Carter indicated that the planned community survey will be distributed by the end of September, 2022.

There was much discussion regarding the current location of streetlights, the brightness of the lights and which lights should or could be relocated or eliminated. Osterrieder suggested to the EEAC sub-committee on streetlights that the Town and the EEAC should rely on Real Term for their application of industry standards and their experience in working with Towns similar in size and with similar requirements as Kennebunk.

Carter shared several charts and visuals with the Committee that helped to answer several of the Committee’s questions regarding this project. There was additional information provided on controlling the lights brightness and dimming remotely.

EEAC Mission statement and name change:

Discussion on the current mission statement and the possibility of a name change for the Committee. Committee members agreed that the mission statement is adequate as it stands for the moment, and should be presented to the Select Board as such. Pratt has agreed to present the Select Board with three possible name changes for the Committee as follows:

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Committee
Sustainability Committee
Climate Response and Sustainability Committee

The next meeting of the EEAC is scheduled for September 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall with a ZOOM option.