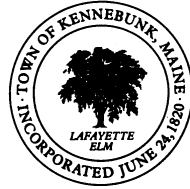


Town of Kennebunk, Maine



Minutes Climate Change Task Force

August 22, 2023 - 9:00 AM
Room 300 – Town Hall

Members Present: Maggie Bartenhagen, Betsy Smith, Yvette Webster, Chris Osterrieder, Chris MacClinchy, Lisa Pratt, Mark Kerr

Members Absent: Lily Martin, Chris Pasciuto, Alison Malmquist, Karen Winton, Bryan Laverriere

Others Present: Tom Berry and from SMPDC Karina Graeter and Abbie Sherwin

There was a brief report on the August 17 Sounding Board conversation. 11-12 people were in attendance in addition to Lisa, Yvette and Carol Morris. It was a well-informed group, eager to participate in the process and positive on the fact that the Town is going to take the leadership in this process.

The edited Vulnerability Assessment report was posted to the Google Drive for the Task Force to review.

Karina and Abbie reviewed the program timeline and steps leading up to a March, 2024 plan submission to the Select Board.

Karina and Abbie handed out hard copies of the Potential Strategies Matrix (26 pp) which is broken down into topics (Buildings and Energy; Transportation and Infrastructure; Land Use and Natural Environment; Health, Safety and Well-Being; Leadership and Capacity) and specific strategies that address one or more of those topics. Each strategy also has accompanying notes on equity considerations, co-benefits of the strategy, relative costs and examples. There is an accompanying text document summarizing the key elements of the matrix.

Maggie asked how other towns are attacking the challenge to narrow the choices. The Port Task Force is reviewing the elements individually and then working towards consensus with primary considerations being effectiveness, cost efficiency, feasibility and social equity. Biddeford created subgroups to evaluate options using effectiveness, efficiency, and equitableness as primary considerations. Kittery used feasibility as a

primary consideration (effective, efficient, feasible) with secondary considerations being equity and wider co-benefits. Other “rank ordering” strategies are to think of low hanging fruit versus stretch goals; short, intermediate and long-term goals; and green, yellow and red tags.

There was a brief discussion of how to address individual actions versus municipal actions.

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory based on ICLI uses a baseline of 2018. Maggie asked whether that would be updated and Karina responded that the Plan will include metrics for doing so.

Lisa will send out Carol’s notes from the first Sounding Board meeting.

Betsy will stand in for Josh as notetaker at the next Sounding Board meeting.

At the meeting on September 19, Abbie will attend to further the strategies selection process.

At the meeting on September 5, Carol will report on the two Sounding Board discussions and next outreach steps.

Karina will share on Google Drive a PowerPoint on Biddeford’s prioritization of strategies process.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30