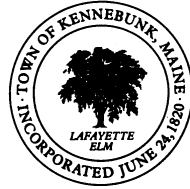


# Town of Kennebunk, Maine



## Minutes Climate Change Task Force

October 17, 2023 - 9:00 AM  
Room 300 – Town Hall

*Members Present: Maggie Bartenhagen, Betsy Smith, Chris Osterrieder, Chris MacClinchy, Lisa Pratt, Josh Tabor, Bryan Laverriere*

*Members Absent: Lily Martin, Chris Pasciuto, Yvette Webster, Karen Winton, Alison Malmquist*

*Others Present: Tom Berry, Stephen Houdlette, Carol Morris*

Maggie reported on her meeting with the West Kennebunk Committee. She reported that there seems to be a general perception that the Town is not doing anything about climate change. It was noted that similar sentiments had been expressed at the community sounding board discussions and how to change that perception. On that same topic, Lisa reported on the various public outreach and communications efforts underway. The group was optimistic that once we move to strategies, people will be more engaged.

Carol reported that her business outreach project is more or less on hold until the tourist calendar settles down in November. She has met with the Nonantum and the Kennebunk Resort Collection. Both were supportive of the Task Force's objectives. Carol has distributed a questionnaire to the businesses via the Chamber. She and Stephen agreed to be in touch to coordinate business outreach efforts between the Task Force and the EDC.

There was a discussion about the transition to finalizing strategies and presenting them to the community sounding boards, etc. It was agreed that we should plan a Public Forum to discuss strategy selection and ask for feedback. It was tentatively agreed that December should be a target date although it would be good to have tentative strategy selections in time for an 11/16 meeting with business owners.

Maggie and Lisa reported on progress on procuring a UNH fellow to update Kennebunk's greenhouse gas emissions inventory (last done in 2018). The fee would range from \$7,500-9,500 depending on the seniority of the fellow. It is unclear at this

point what funding from the Town is available to the CCTF but there seem to be a number of options including the Energy Efficiency Committee's budget. Lisa has submitted a preliminary proposal and Heather Balser has agreed to shepherd the final proposal.

The group then turned to a continuation of the ranking of specific strategies provided by SMPDC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.