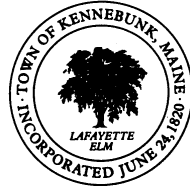


Town of Kennebunk, Maine



Minutes Climate Change Task Force

November 7, 2023 - 9:00 AM
Room 300 – Town Hall

Members Present: Maggie Bartenhagen, Betsy Smith, Chris Osterrieder, Chris MacClinchy, Lisa Pratt, Josh Tabor, Mark Kerr, Alison Malmquist, Karen Winton

Members Absent: Lily Martin, Chris Pasciuto, Yvette Webster, Bryan Laverriere, Tom Berry

Others Present: Heather Balsler, Carol Morris

Those who participated in outreach meetings with affordable housing communities (Parsons School, Cousens School, Oak Bluff) reported on the substance of their meetings and made recommendations for future outreach. It was agreed that these communities may be among the most impacted by climate change and least able to mitigate its impacts. Therefore, it will be important to stay in touch with them and look for ways to offer them support.

Maggie relayed Tom's report on his attendance at the Kennebunk High School Casco Bay Study Class. He noted that the students (all seniors) were very focused and engaged in the topic of climate change. Among their major concerns is that the disadvantaged and disabled will be among the most affected by the effects of climate change.

Carol reported on her business outreach efforts – four one-on-one interviews with business owners. The message they are sending is that they are concerned and understand that changes in infrastructure will be necessary to cope with climate change. But they are not sure what to do or where to turn for help or advice. And they are leery of regulations and mandates further complicating the challenges. There will be a joint Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Climate Change Task Force breakfast for businesses on Thursday November 16. 5-6 members of the Kennebunk Task Force will attend and they will present very preliminary sample strategies as examples of directions in which the Task Force hopes to take the Town.

Preliminary plans were made for two follow up Community Sounding Board meetings in December – 6:00-7:30 – to present preliminary strategy conclusions. On December 5, Betsy, Lisa and Maggie will attend and on December 13th, Josh, Alison and Maggie will attend. Carol will facilitate both meetings.

The group then turned to continuing the “down select” of the list of strategies presented by SMPDC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.