

Bar Harbor Climate Task Force Meeting via Zoom
June 22, 2020

Attendance: Brian Booher, Norm Burdzell, Darron Collins, Jennifer Crandall, Jill Goldthwait, Spencer Gray, Margaret Jeffries, Cornell Knight, Sirohi Kumar*, Tobin Peacock, Tom St Germain.

Agenda:

Introduction of members:

Jill opened the meeting with introductions and asked for volunteers for officer positions. Brian volunteered to be Chair. All agreed.

Election of leadership (chair, vice, secretary) for one-year terms:

Brian opened up nominations for other positions. Jen nominated Tobin for Vice Chair, Darron seconded. Unanimous vote. Tobin nominated Jen for Secretary, Jill seconded. Unanimous vote.

Tom questioned the need for verbal votes vs hand raising. Jill will get clarification and get back to the group.

Development of work plan (areas of focus, how to approach, etc)

Jill read [by-laws](#). Brian suggested they fall into 2 categories: mitigation of climate change and preparing for the impacts of climate change. Spencer suggested a greenhouse gas emissions audit of Town so we have a baseline. Cornell said there is money in the budget (not yet approved by voters) for an audit. Darron suggests the group might investigate ways to raise external funds so as not to burden taxpayers. Sirohi mentioned that in the process of forming the climate task force, COA and 2 local businesses pledged support for a Town Sustainability Coordinator. There was discussion about what level we would focus our energies, municipal buildings etc or educating local residents. Brian made a motion to start with Bar Harbor municipal operations; Jill seconded. More discussion about whether or not this would include local schools. Further discussion resulted in Darron making a motion: That the Climate Task Force focuses on the greenhouse emissions and energy consumption of Municipal Operations and the School System within the town of Bar Harbor. Brian rescinded his original motion, and Jill her second. Brian made Darron's motion, Darron seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Spencer offered to give guidance on how to go about the greenhouse gas emissions audit of the Town and will share the tool with the task force. He also asked about a shared documents folder for the group. Brian will ask Steve (?) to set one up.

Discussion of Maine Climate Council and other planning models (Tabled)

Brian made a motion to table the Maine Climate Council item and address frequency and times for meetings. Margaret seconded. All in favor.

Frequency and times for meetings

Margaret would like to meet more frequently until we get our feet under us as a task force. After discussion, Brian moved that we meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 3:30 -5pm. Margaret seconded. Unanimous vote.

Tom moved that we adjourn the meeting, Jill seconded, unanimous vote.

*Sirohi is a student representative. She cannot vote because she is under 18 and not a registered voter in Bar Harbor.