

Climate Change Task Force
Minutes for meeting 7/27/2020, 3:30 PM.

1. Call to order: Cornell Knight, Tobin Peacock, Sirohi Kumar, Jill Goldthwait, Brian Booher, Jennifer Crandall, (Darron sent regrets), Spencer Gray, Norm Burdzell,
2. Approval of Minutes: Tobin moves to approve, Jill seconds. Approved by: Jen, Tobin, Jill, Spencer, Norm, Brian.
3. Adoption of Agenda: Jill moves that we adopt agenda as presented, Tobin seconds. Tobin, Jill, Spencer, Jen, Brian, Norm accepts.
4. Regular Business

A. Review what town has already done. Input from stakeholders from previous efforts – List from Cornell--posted and shared in our shared Google folder. Some of the efforts have been disappointing. The Keel cooler is a water heat pump that has needed lots of repairs. Pellet furnace at PW building needs a fair amount of maintenance. Norm concurs that at Jax it took 3 years to get a pellet furnace to work efficiently. Different pellets from different vendors means tweaking. Are the risks worth the effort and cost??? Jen: perhaps the town needs to hire an energy person to oversee the whole environmental effort to make sure things work well together. There is that cost that needs to be accounted for in the cost analysis of any project. Street light conversion to LED will save \$50K a year.

Outreach to other stakeholders: Spencer and Sirohi. Sirohi reached out to stakeholders from before the task force was created. Will meet with Jax and MDI Hospital next week. Norm would also have some input on anything energy related at Jax. Spencer put together a list of people who were interested. Agim was not available this time but hopes to attend the next meeting. Agim's abstract is in the shared folder. The project is the structure and framework for a GHG audit at the college.

B. Audit of BH's GHG Emissions: Presentation by Agim? Access to ESPM site? Brian is concerned that lots of energy will be spent on audits and assessments and not have the time and energy for making an actual difference. Spencer: the audit gives a baseline for town to quantify any changes made, and to make good decisions for next steps. Ruth Poland shared the ESPM logins and the efforts already made there. Spencer and Jen will meet with Ruth to get more info. Brian: we should get agreement on what we are assessing. Spencer will ask Ruth about a log in for the town's Emera account, and Cornell will ask Stan about No Frills.

C. Subgroup efforts and structure--remember that any meeting of 3 or more folks will need to be made public and official.

- i. Public Education--Darron and Jill. Jill tried to get together with Darron but didn't hear back. Jill is thinking of an occasional briefing of the work we are doing so the public doesn't get nervous that we are going to ask people to stop

driving. Sirohi says students want to create a public ed campaign to get other towns on the island to declare a climate emergency. She and Jill will get together. This group could also create a directory for the public with resources for how to be more GREEN in the home.

ii. Public Outreach--to stakeholder groups to continue their interest in this task force and possible areas of collaboration. Sirohi has upcoming meetings.

iii. GHG Audit--see notes about Agim above. Spencer will follow up next meeting.

D. Enable solar at the town's Salisbury Farm (Patti Hill) property. Status of effort. Jill shared 2 site maps and most recent correspondence with town regarding this project. There is a willingness but no further movement on project. Margaret is going to head this project. Latest info: The Grays, who have first refusal, are interested in possibly buying land back. There are a lot of options to look at, and Norm would like to see an in depth analysis before making any recommendations.

E. Investigate what other towns are doing so as to avoid duplicate efforts.--Tobin would like to see what efforts other towns have made and lessons learned. Can we look to see what others have done and pitfalls to avoid? Portland and So. Portland declared a climate emergency about 6 months before we did. Sirohi is on a Youth Coalition and will ask at her next meeting and bring back any information she finds. . Norm suggests we could collaborate. Maine Municipal writes articles about what towns are doing in general. Jill will look to see if there is an inventory of efforts made by other towns. Jill wonders if we could start making suggestions to the legislature for funding efforts to get them off the ground. Jill will make inquiries.

5. Public Comment--no one in attendance today. Tobin wonders if we could move it to earlier in the agenda so a person wouldn't have to wait around for our whole meeting. Brian will put it earlier in the next agenda.

6. Items for next meeting--Recycling. The head of PW will give update to Town and Jill will bring that update to our next meeting. Spencer will bring some info about Fiber Right and MRC. Norm is concerned about fast charging for e-cars north of Augusta. Should the town put in public charging? Level 3 charger could bring in \$ for the town.

7. Adjournment--Jen moves that we adjourn, Norm seconds. Tobin, Jill, Norm, Spencer, Jen, and Brian all agree.