

Task Force on the Climate Emergency  
Agenda for meeting 6/14/2021, 3:30 PM.  
Location: Bar Harbor Municipal Building

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comment.
5. Regular Business
  - A. Discussion of new Electric and Energy codes to improve efficiency and reduce emissions. Presentation by Deputy CEO Mike Gurtler
  - B. In Person Meetings? We need to decide our meeting time and location. We are moving to in-person meetings and this time is not ideal for all members.
  - C. Sustainability Coordinator discussion.
    - i. Review JD for Sustainability Coordinator
    - ii. RFP samples from Jennifer & Brian & Millard.
    - iii. Speak with Sustainability Coordinator for municipality.
    - iv. Full time or contract?
    - v. Jill reports to council on need for this position.
  - D. ACTT Higgin's Pit Solar Feasibility study response from Council: where to go next?
  - E. GHG Audit – where to next?
    - i. Review audit and present to council
    - ii. Add 2020-2021 data for tracking
    - iii. Hire an Americorps Vista Volunteer for a year to assist with sustainability efforts (update GHG audit, other?)
  - F. Climate Network (MDI Towns, Swans Island and Lamoine).
6. Items for next meeting.
7. Task Force Comments.
8. Adjournment

Future Work:

- A. Tourism carbon impact
  - i. Cruise ships
- B. Climate Justice-- acknowledge impact of climate change and its disproportional impact on lower socio-economic groups and the intersectionality with other crises like racial equity. Climate change impacts developing countries exponentially more than developed countries and the developing countries are not the ones benefiting from the use of fossil fuels etc.
- C. Ground mounted solar array.
- D. Community composting.
- E. EV chargers

- F. Town based incentives for new buildings or renovations to exceed code requirements for efficiency, build electric and/or incorporating solar into design. Tax break? Cash back? What could the town actually do to incentivize? Could you forgive the first year of property taxes on a new build if there a solar array of a certain size or all electric house or passive house level insulation? A few thousand dollars might be enough to encourage some best practices.
- G. Public Outreach
  - i. Engage the BH Chamber of Commerce