

CETF Minutes 6/13/22
4-5:30pm, Zoom

1. Call to order: 4:05pm
2. Attendance: Tobin, Ruth, Jen, Brian, Norm, Kristin, Erin (4:11PM)
3. Approval of [Minutes from 5/23/22](#) (V): Brain moves to approve the minutes from last meeting, Tobin seconded. All in favor.
4. Adoption of Agenda (V): Jen moves to adopt agenda, Brain seconded, all in favor
5. Public Comment? None
6. Regular Business--
 - A. Quick Updates: (~15min)
 - i. Town Meeting review–Ruth: good to see so many people there and involved. There were lots of positive comments about the solar project. Brian: it would be good to talk to the school board about their mission now but also future plans...including solar panels on the roof.
 - ii. June 4th Tabling report out (Ruth) Thank you for those who stopped by. Great event with food and music. Not too many questions about the Task Force, but lots about ECO Team. Tobin:m did you see many non-choir members? Ruth: no, mostly familiar folks. Not a great outreach event but not bad for the first time. Jen: what about the 4th of July?? Norm: We should have a bunch of EVs in the parade. Brian: had long chat with Johanna about RECs and David Gibson from COA.
 - iii. Energy Benchmarking & ICLEI moving forward (Ruth) Heard back from Johanna. The first steps is to fill out a form. We need to say who the top contact would be from Bar Harbor and an elected official. Erin, would you be willing to be on the form? Erin says yes! Once form filled out Tom will contact us to do a training and we will be ready to go. The Town will reimburse ACTT. Brian would also like to be in on the training meeting, as would Erin.
 - iv. Update on the Comprehensive Planning Committee's work (Kristin) Not a lot to report right now. The committee is still working on the present conditions report. Ruth: feel like the ICLEE information would be good for that.?? Kristin: most of the info is census data. It is a 199 page doc so haven't gotten through it all yet. Will look for ghg data. Ruth: ask them if they want that data at next meeting.
 - v. EV Chargers planned by state update (Ruth) Emailed program manager at Efficiency Maine about it. They said that the delays are mostly supply chain issues. Norm: looked at the plan/site and added comments. Brian: I'd like the decision about where charging stations go to be up to

the parking Committee since they have been working on it since before our task force. Erin: council liaison for that committee too so will bring recommendations from us. Norm: the key point is to limit time so someone isn't there all day. Erin: the meters are 2 hr, 4hr, or all day. They are further away from town.

vi. Draft REC Recommendations to Council (Tobin & Brian)- Did you look at the recommendations from Laura? Brian: we now need to prioritize low hanging fruit. We should spend some time discussing that, and the discussion should be informed by the ghg audit.

1. EV Location Next Steps: brainstorming & who to talk to? How/when can we select these? Who needs to be in on this discussion? Ruth: Erin will take this question to the parking committee. Should we talk to anyone else? Erin: the Parking Committee talks to anyone else who might be involved or impacted, like the chief of police or harbor master etc. Ruth: we need to spend the grant money in 2 years.
2. Breakout groups to identify action items, "To Do" lists for Sust. Coord & CETF & next steps:

A. COA presentations—Tobin: obviously a lot of work had gone into the projects. 4 groups-tourism and carbon impact, active transportation, community engagement, affordable housing. All were good and interesting presentations and then small group break outs to continue the conversation. Jen: is there going to be a transportation study? Erin: yes. Ruth: Liz is going to keep working on the website for us that she created. It is a great start and we need to figure out how to get it out there. Easy to find info. Resources page is great! They recommended newsletters, climate town meeting and social media. Erin: we will be hiring a communications person and much of that info should go to that person. Ruth: as soon as Liz is on board we should get a public forum together and floor the format of the class presentation event. They also recommended continuing the internship program. Ruth wonders if we want to continue with an intern rather than pursuing Americorps?? Next topic was housing: Michelle Gagnon and Kevin S were there discussing how to fund a grant/loan program for people to build or improve existing homes to be more sustainable as well as affordable. One way to fund this idea is with an impact fee. Naomi Albert with ACTT is researching how to fund sustainable housing initiatives similar to Ithica, NY. You pay 80% of expected cost savings over the life of the house., but you need the PUC to agree to this. Tobin: don't know my way around the issue of affordable housing. There is still so much work to do. Jen: Island Housing Trust did a Housing Symposium about 7-8 years ago and there were lots of resources gathered. Erin: a report came out of that is posted on the Town website. Michelle Gagnon is working through her 10 step plan to address this issues. Ruth: there is a lot of information that I would need to look at. Future SC should read the COA report, the Island Housing Trust Symposium report, Michelle's plan and talk to ACTT to get up to speed. Erin will try to gather all of that information and get it out to everybody.

3. Transportation. Interesting recommendations were made with great maps and recommendations. Erin: it looks like they used the same plan that the Town?LURC had used. Tobin: resonated the most. Home town closes off main street to traffic and

restaurants flow out into the street. So great. It is scary to ride a bike in town. Great plans and ideas from this group. Brian: the parking task force's mission has been advocating for fewer cars and easier biking as well as creating more parking. Erin: they also took on parking meters as a way to get folks to look for alternatives to parking downtown. Now it is time to take the committee to the next level to figure out ways to reduce the number of cars. Needs to be more walkable downtown. Ruth: is there a good connection between the parking committee and the Park? Erin: no..we had an ANP rep on the committee and they were not interested in the thrust of the meetings at that time. The chair person does stay in touch with a Park person. Jen: The data from the COA class will be important to persuade business owners who may be reluctant. Ruth: Maine coast Heritage Trust needs to get in on the conversation to get the towns connected through trails/bike paths. This would help people in the community to feel like they can use the park and get around without dealing with traffic and tourists. Erin: Bike Maine might be willing to pay some to help get this kind of thing going. League of Towns could help revive old trolls that connect. 4. Tourism-very interesting. Video would be great on our website. They compared land based and cruise ship based ghg. We can also give the information to ICLEE. Tobin: this could be controversial information and I would want to double check their data. Brian: this is explosive and the data better be right before we use it.

B. [CAP Feedback Summary](#) from Laura—**next meeting**

C. [Gantt Chart from CAP v.1](#) - what have we accomplished? What are we behind on? What should our next action steps be? —**next meeting**

1. Draft REC Recommendations to Council Next Steps?

A. Note Laura's resource on electricity source priorities

1. Closing

A. Review & assign "to do" list. Before next meeting: look through the minutes and make a list for the SC with to do's as well as resources. We can look at Laura's feedback and the Gantt chart.

B. Agenda items for next meeting? 1 Invite Val to talk trash. Kevin has interns looking to do a trash audit for the Town. 2 Discussion on scope 1 and 2 and RECs. 3. Going to school board to discuss solar panels. Brian will reach out to them.

C. Event reminders:

i. Special Elections - June 14th— be aware of street closures and detours.

1. Adjournment: Brian moves to adjourn, Tobin seconds. All in favor.

"To Do" List:

- Develop & prioritize task lists for the Sust. Coordinator & Liz Morrison (starts next week)