

CETF 7/25/22 4-5:30pm, Council Chambers

1. **Call to order:** 4:06PM
2. **Attendance:** Margaret Jeffrey, Joe Minutolo, Tobin Peacock, Jen Crandall, Brian Booher, (Kaitlyn attending before applying for position)
3. **Approval of Minutes** from 7/11/22 (V): Jen moves to approve, Tobin seconds, Jen and Tobin approve minutes from last time.
4. **Adoption of Agenda** (V): Margaret moves to accept the agenda, Jen seconds, all approve
5. **Public Comment?** none
6. **Regular Business–**
 - A. **Quick Updates:** (~15min)
 - i. Welcome to Linnea & Introductions –Linnea not able to attend. We introduced ourselves to Kaitlyn who is applying for the other open position.
 - ii. Election of Officers coming up - anyone interested in positions? Ruth is happy to stay or go. We all feel she is doing a great job and a service to the task force. :) **Votes need to happen at the next meeting.** Joe asks how many people are on the task force? Brian looks it up: 10 people total (8 residents, 1 student rep and 1 Town Councilor)
 - iii. ICLEI training & next steps (Ruth & Brian) – Ruth and Brian attended a training with ICLEI Clearpath (a software package to audit municipalities' ghg emissions). The company offers suggestions of what data to include and how to measure various emissions. Brian will be inputting data for the Town. Tobin asks if there will be more trainings. Brian hopes so. Not sure when the package gets paid for and the info can be started. The cost will be shared between Mt Desert, Tremont and us.
 - iv. Solar panels at CES - did Brian have a chance to reach out to them yet? There will not be a school board meeting until August. Brian will talk to them at the next meeting with the past 2 year's worth of ghg audit info to help inform them about whether or not they should install solar panels even if Higgins Pit goes through.
 - v. Sustainability Coordinator recruitment progress: job description/position is out and hopefully folks can share that out. Only one application has come in. Search "positions" on town website.
 - vi. CES solar panels conversation (Brian?) See above.
 - B. **Identify action items**, "[To Do](#)" lists for Sust. Coord & CETF & next steps: Tobin will ask Val, who is on the Comp Plan committee, if there is anything from that group that we should be on top of. Maybe we can find someone to be a liaison on that committee. Waste audit happened on the 18th. Joe says the take-away was that there was a lot of compostable material. If we could tackle municipal composting that would be great. Tobin will ask Kevin if there is an agenda set up for the Parking Committee and if he and ACTT are on the same page. Brian asks about Higgins Pit progress and if that project is on Bethany Levitt's docket? Joe: she is working on the sewer system project right now and that takes priority. The SC will hopefully be the person who can talk with department heads and help prioritize projects. Joe: how can we tie \$\$\$ from parking meters??? Can we take a portion of it? Brian: Joe, can you ask the Council what that money can be spent on? Transportation is one of the biggest ghg emitters in Maine. If parking meter money could be invested in more public transit that would be great. Is that possible? Joe: Think about language that we can craft to pitch it to Council. Jen: what about EV charging stations? In addition to the grant money. Is the parking Committee doing that? Joe: can we bring back the idea of village connector trails? That would cut down lots of cars and driving. Brian mentions Tom Crickelaire and asking him to come visit the task force to think about transportation and what we can do.
Jen suggests that Ruth tasks her class or the ECO team to figure out how much ghg can be saved by taking the bus rather than being driven or driving themselves, and then do a campaign to get students to change their habits. It is free!! And reduces climate impact.

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

ii. [CAP Feedback Summary](#) from Laura

7. **REC** (renewable energy credit) & CES (competitive energy solutions) recommendations progress:

8. **Closing:**

A. Review & assign “to do” list.

B. Take a look at time and number of meetings a month and reassess.

C. Upcoming events i. Change Makers Gathering (September)

9. Adjournment: Margaret moves to adjourn. Brian seconds. All approve. 5:32PM

“To Do” List: - Continue to develop & prioritize task lists for the Sust. Coordinator & Liz Morrison
- Follow up with Parking Committee on EV Charger location ideas—see notes above