

CETF Minutes 10/11/22
4-5:30pm, Town Hall, Auditorium

1. Call to order: we do not have a quorum so we will go through the agenda and take notes but not vote until next meeting.
2. Attendance: Margaret Jeffrey, Jen Crandall, Ruth Poland, Laura Berry, Linnea Goh, (Kaitlyn, Norm and Brian are unable to attend) no word from Tobin or Joe.
3. Approval of Minutes from [9/26/22](#) (Vote):
4. Adoption of Agenda (Vote):
5. Public Comment?
6. Regular Business–
 - A. GHG Audit Review (Brian)We will wait until Brian is here. Laura: what we have is municipal data (scope 1 and 2). In looking at ICLEI Laura is waiting to get data requests to expand data collections. What we have will be updated and use ICLEI's format. Historical data will get added in. Data from 2019 through 2021 would be great. Getting all of the data from year's past could be difficult for community wide information. Some of the scope one data for municipality is incomplete, like refrigerants and fire retardants. One thing to consider is town owned property like the YMCA. How do we count ghg emissions for an entity where we owned the land but not the building? Some things need to be figured out so we can be consistent from year to year.
 - B. Laura's updates (20min)
 - i. Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) Grant - when do we hear back? No clear date. Last time it was about 6 weeks, so we can expect to hear by mid Nov. A grant report for current grant will be submitted on Friday. There will be quarterly meetings between BH, Tremont and Mt desert (grantees) and staff liaisons with the towns so everyone is on the same page, facilitated by ACTT.
 - ii. REC (renewable energy credit) & CES (competitive energy solutions) recommendations progress? - The Town has 50 electricity accounts. The existing contracts for 14 of those is through Constellations–Maine Power Options which uses a certain amount of green energy so at least we have that. There are 36 that are the standard offer supply, and the power purchase agreement from the solar array on the public works building. Laura has been looking at getting one wholesale account like with Maine Green Power. Do we care about local, what kind of energy source, and how do we make that work? It would be expensive. We would be buying RECs if we go with MGP, but it would be the simplest solutions. Competitive Energy Solutions is used by the Lab. Can we get a quote from them so we can make a comparison? Does the lab get charged demand charges

as much as the Town does? It is complicated with the differing sizes of demand of the 50 electricity accounts.

- iii. EV charger location next steps?--there are multiple questions Laura is trying to answer. There is money in the budget for 2 more Town chargers. The grant fund allows for \$22K for EV chargers. The parking committee didn't have a quorum and couldn't make a recommendation for sites. Margaret: how many chargers can we get for the money? Laura: it depends on where it is put and how much work needs to go into getting them installed. Prices have changed but there are more incentives now. It might be easier and cheaper to place one where there are already some installed. There are private ones installed at Grant Park, and Town Office so Laura will look at those areas first. Ruth: we want to prioritize locals and renters who might not be able to put in a charger at their homes so maybe near wastewater treatment facility or at ball field. Also 1 fast charger could serve more cars than 3 slow chargers. The State is also pushing to get more chargers at businesses like Hannaford. We need to keep those places in mind when we consider where to put ours. Having a Town owned map to keep track of the charging stations would be a good thing, rather than relying on crowd-sourced maps. Charging \$\$ for parking and charging would be good to cover costs of maintenance etc.

- C. Conners-Emerson Updates (Brian & Laura)--Brian would like to replace the current boiler. (The boiler failed on Monday) Conners will be demolished and replaced. Emerson: the designers are in the process of outreach and to determine what to do (reno or demolished). Likely the recommendation will be to replace both. There were 2 oil boilers both over 30 years old. The primary boiler failed on Monday (it serves both school buildings). Steam heat gets pumped up the hill to Emerson. Laura talked with Eric Hahn, the district coordinator and talked about options. Even if the boiler gets replaced with a new oil burner it will be greatly more efficient and will save us lots of ghg. That is probably what will happen. Heat pumps are not possible at this time due to current electrical system. Laura is looking into leasing an oil boiler 60 month lease. (A replacement timeline is 16 weeks out and \$150K, and a lease could happen sooner and be cheaper). The budget line would be through the capital improvement line of the town instead of the school. Saving lots of money and greenhouse gas emissions. Is it possible to use biodiesel in the older boiler or the leased boiler? Laura will look into that. It is a fast moving situation. Margaret: has anyone compared the costs of a replacement vs a renovation? Laura is in

the process of setting up a meeting with the architects and will bring that up. There are also state \$funds for reno vs replace. So many variables. Jen: will the final cost need to be approved by a vote? Yes, the vast majority of the budget will come in a bond. The task force should make a recommendation to council once the architect's report/plan comes out.

- D. Climate Action Plan - Next Steps to complete & implement--the work of ACTT and outreach they want to do should be up to the task force and follow our CAP. Laura would like to bring the CAP 2.0 revisions to the Comp Plan to integrate it in there rather than just trying to get the council to adopt another document or framework. Recommendation is to do community outreach through CRP grant work and take the feedback and feed it into the Comp Plan. Priorities will be made at next Nov Council meeting and having alignment of goals with the CAP and the Comp Plan would be great.
- E. Closing--How can task force help Laura her workthe outreach for the grant with ACTT, EV site options, staying engaged in Comp planning process (plan to attend one of the forums would be great), continue to tell Laura what priorities she should be focusing on and making connections between Laura and the town and folks who can be helpful (like Eric Hahn on school issues). Does Laura like her job? Yes!! Everyone working for the Town is so hard working and great. Lack of capacity has held the Town back from getting things done but everyone is working really hard.
- F. Review & assign "to do" list.
- G. Upcoming events
- H. Next agenda items :
 1. Adjournment: Good articles in the Islander: the Climate Ambassadors and the 2 new positions at the town level. Hooray!

"To Do" List:

- Enter historical carbon emissions data into ICLEI/ClearPath program (Brian & Laura)