

TOWN of Kennebunk
MINUTES (Summary Highlights & Decisions)
Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee Meeting on
January 23, 2019 5:30 PM

Present: Staz, M & N Bartenhagen, Dater, Karytko (Select Board Liaison), Negley, Bevin Davies.
Attendees: Kathryn Davis, Ally Muir and Brad Lopes of TNS, Joan Phipps, Marylyn Wentworth.

MINUTES: Minute for January 9th meeting adopted as amended.

MAYOR'S CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE: M. Bartenhagen explained the Global Covenant and ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) protocols that, in partnership with THE NEW SCHOOL (TNS), KEEAC will follow over the next several years.

- Year 1 – collection by ICLEI software of data from all sources releasing greenhouse gases in town.
- Year 2 – analysis by ICLEI software of collected data as to where the greatest reductions of greenhouses gasses could occur and prioritization of reduction projects; e.g. from transportation, buildings, others?
- Year 3+ - cooperation with Select Board on accessing funding and pursuing priority projects (getting the biggest bang for the buck).

TNS has 7 to 9 students signed-up for the ICLEI project starting a four-week course January 28th in a climate change boot camp and public policy/stakeholders course. From March 11th to April 22nd the students will collect data using updated ICLEI software. M. Bartenhagen will assist the students in sources and contacts for data collection. The Camden ICLEI project student team (the only other Global Covenant town in Maine so far and a year ahead of Kennebunk) will share information and procedures with the KEEAC/TNS team. KEEAC will contact Dave Sluyter (KEEAC member) for possible import of greenhouse gasses data he has already collected using an EPA software protocol.

TNS students with the Camden students (The Watershed School) could attend a photo exhibit together on climate change at the Museum of Art in Rockland and have an exchange –of-ideas workshop, perhaps over two days. The movie ‘Chasing Ice’ could also be shown TNS students during their training.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING: There is not enough composting of water-heavy garbage and yard/garden clippings to have the beneficial effect hoped for in reducing the town’s tipping fees at the transfer station. Tyler Gleason is coming to the February 13th KEEAC meeting to discuss increasing the We-Compost-It program in town.

Karytko will investigate further the Wellesley Ma. recycling program which requires a multi-sort system at their own transfer station by residents separating paper, cardboard, glass, metal, plastics, etcetera instead of the single-sort program in Kennebunk, which must be re-sorted at a warehouse. The Wellesley program is successful in selling their recyclables themselves to support their program off-setting the loss of shipping recyclables to China. The Wellesley program costs the residents about \$200 - \$300 per year. For example, recycled plastics can go into producing railroad ties that do not deteriorate as wooden ones do. Education and consistency is the key to successful municipal recycling following the four ‘R’s’: refuse, reuse, reduce, recycle. The NRRRA (N.E. Resource Recovery Association) is having a meeting on these matters in May 2019.

BALLOON BAN ORDINANCE: A draft balloon ban ordinance has been approved by the Selectmen for an April 9th public hearing. It would have no restrictions on the use of balloons in private homes. It would not prohibit the sale of balloons in town. Fixed display of balloons would be banned at town owned buildings. It would also prohibit outdoor mass release of balloons at public events. The Selectmen have requested KEEAC to mount an educational program on the hazards of balloons to

wildlife in conjunction with the draft ordinance. KEEAC will outline what it will do on the educational program and submit to the Selectmen.

OTHER: Dave Blunt, Kennebunk Public Services Department has installed plastic storm window inserts into 32 windows on the 2nd floor of Town Hall through the Window Dressers Program. It has proved successful in reducing heat loss. The program is \$35 - \$45 per window for private citizens, free to qualifying poor. Karen Winton in Town Hall may be contacted to sign-up for window inserts. Staz will check with Window Dressers on a future date when KEEAC and others may assist in a window insert production event, usually taking place locally at Wells Reserve. Davies will take the Window Dressers Program to the next meeting of the Town Committee on Aging.

NEXT MEETING: February 13th at Town Hall, 3rd floor.