

TOWN of Kennebunk
MINUTES (Summary Highlights & Decisions)
Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee Meeting on
February 27, 2019 5:30 PM

Present: Staz, M & N Bartenhagen, Dater, Karytko (Select Board Liaison), Bevin Davies.
Attendees: Brad Lopes of TNS.

MINUTES: Minute for February 14th meeting adopted as amended.

MAYOR'S CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE: Lopes reviewed progress on the TNS's collaboration class on the Climate Initiative including interviewing representatives of all ages of residents on causes of climate change, collection of tree ring, ice cores and ppm charts on CO² emission sources as well as the difference between weather and climate. TNS is awaiting the Town's joining ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) to access its software to begin the school's next phase of collecting CO² emissions data from town government, businesses and residents. M. Bartenhagen and Staz will expend the \$600 fee for the ICLEI software for TNS.

TNS will do the town CO² collection in phases. Phase 1 will collect 'low hanging fruit' from Town Hall fossil fuel use, the Public Service and Fire Departments by first meeting with the Town Manager, Town Engineer, the Department Heads, Finance Director and Police Department. TNS students should also meet with KEEAC member Dave Sluyter to access his collected data from the EPA CO² emissions model.

M. Bartenhagen and Staz on February 21st met with the York Town Climate Change members Rozanna Patane and Lucy Brennon on their experience with their climate change initiative. Key take-aways are:
Separate work into 'phases' to make it more manageable. Choose 3 or 4 town agencies or departments to approach for the first phase; 3 or 4 additional entities (such as schools, water/sewer) for phase 2. Perhaps town-wide data for phase 3 (i.e. residential, transportation, etc.) with brief presentations to the SB (Select Board) for each phase – inviting media coverage. After that, a final presentation that combines all the previous phases and makes general recommendations for how to address issues and prioritize the more detailed recommendations on implementing CO² reduction going forward.

Determine what has already been done in town to help cut costs/emissions and promote that as an example for further work (e.g. transitioning street lights to LEDs).

Talk with and encourage community members/citizens to be in touch with their town government representatives (SB and others) if they are concerned about the climate issue and want to know what the town is doing about it.

Outreach to the community to build awareness about the issue through films and other groups (like Sierra Club, 'Ready for 100', etc.) that would work together to promote action on climate change.

BALLOON BAN ORDINANCE: There will be a meeting on April 5th at the High School with a film on the hazards of escaped balloons to wildlife.

MOTION: Chair Staz authorized to expend up to \$200 to Will Jones for the April 5th meeting –unanimously approved.

WATERHOUSE LIGHTS: Staz reviewed the 2018 October agreement on the installation of special lights for pickle ball playing. In a letter to the Town Manager on change by Town Hall to the October agreement for 6 special lights to 14 lights, Staz questioned that if KEEAC does the work why it should not be consulted on changes to its recommendations?

WINDOW DRESSERS PROMOTION: N. Bartenhagen is the contact between KEEAC and Window Dressers. Staz placed window Dressers onto the town website as a tab of which Karytko will inform the Selectmen. A link to Window Dressers ought to also be put onto the town website. Davies will place the link onto the Committee on Aging website. An advertisement for Window Dressers should be placed onto the newsletter accompanying the October 2019 town property tax bill.

SELECT BOARD (SB) REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: There will be a public meeting on the Draft Comp Plan on March 5th. The Agenda includes Climate Change.

EARTH DAY 2019: KEEAC will man a table on Earth Day April 19th at Laudholm Farm. KEEAC will display the Comp Plan large poster on Climate Change & Sea level Rise on foam Board and smaller copies for hand-out, along with information on our activities, plus reusable shopping bags. Dater assigned to procure the Comp Plan posters; members will be assigned hours to man the table.

MOTION: (Dater/N. Bartenhagen) Authorize Chair Staz to release any costs for posters or other materials for the Earth Day table – unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING: March 27th at Town Hall, 3rd floor.