

Town of Kennebunk

NOTES (Summary Highlights & Decisions)

Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting – via ZOOM

March 24, 2021: 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Present: Staz, M&N Bartenhagen, Negley, Wolfson, Rist, Pratt, Dater.

MINUTES. Review of Minutes for 2/25/21 and 3/10/21 were tabled until next meeting.

LED STREET LIGHTS CONVERSION

Review of Draft RFP for the conversion project by EEAC is seemingly stalled at Town Hall. Some changes may be made there. EEAC would want to be included in reviewing any proposed changes and provide suggestions before the RFP were sent out. Secondly, there needs to be further rapprochement between EEAC and KLPD to improve communication and mutuality on streetlight matters.

M. Bartenhagen will follow-up on these two matters with the Town Manager.

At present it appears there is no consistency by KLPD in replacing burned-out HPS bulbs – but also other lights functioning normally – instead, they are being replaced with an apparent array of LED fixtures. For example, the historic long-neck platter fixtures on Summer Street, in the Village and Lower Village can have an LED replacement bulb of similar lumens but less wattage – they do not need complete replacement.

NO IDLING SIGNS

The Town's stockpile of revised signs have been completed. They will be delivered to the Town DPS week March 29th – April 2nd for replacing existing signs and for proposed new locations: fastfood stores and schools in particular.

MISSION STATEMENT

Staz will send for committee review a revised Mission Statement to replace the existing one on the town website. The revised Statement could name the committee “The Energy Efficiency & Climate Action committee”. And could possibly expand its membership. The Draft Comprehensive Plan calls for a town climate action committee composed of representatives from EEAC, Conservation and several other committees.

MAYORS’ CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVES

M. Bartenhagen with town Manger Mike Pardue recently joined a country-wide call on the ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) Cohort Climate Action Plan program. Pardue said he wants the Town to do it. M. Bartenhagen will follow-up with Pardue on how the Town may participate. For example, York Ready for 100 through its Eco Home York program has 385 householders signed-up for a monthly discussion on household GHG reduction tips. Kennebunk householders may also join.

MAINE ELECTRIC GRID

Staz is a part of a group chaired by State Representative Seth Berry to seek legislation to change ownership of the grid from CMP to a publicly-owned one.

REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Chairs of the six member towns of the Southern Maine sustainability Group has had two recent zoom meetings with the SMRP&DC person who staffs the effort. Meetings occur once a month. The first year of the program was completed in February.

MEMBERSHIP. Five members’ terms are up in June 2021: Staz, Rist, Pratt, M. Bartenhagen and Wolfson who will consider whether or not to extend their membership beyond June 2021.

MEETINGS. Regularly scheduled EEAC meetings are to be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month unless a specially needed meeting is scheduled otherwise. Next meeting: April 15th, 3:30 PM by zoom.