

Town of Kennebunk

**NOTES** (Summary Highlights & Decisions)

**Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting – via ZOOM**

April 15, 2021: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

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

**MINUTES.** Review of Minutes for 2/25/21, 3/10/21 and 3/24/21 tabled until next meeting.

### **MAYORS’ CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVES**

- The Town’s ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) program is not current. The Town does not yet have a Climate Action Plan. This needs to be done on the town level. State is also involved on the state level.
- Karytko would like to know when the Town may be ready to do the Plan and how it could happen, but the Town staff is back-logged with 45+ on-going projects. Town needs to prioritize projects. Does the Town have enough staff? Perhaps a sustainability director should be hired to oversee the Plan and its implementation. Let the voters decide. Karytko will contact Selectman Shulte on this matter. EEAC is willing to write a grant for the Plan funding.
- The Town Comp Plan process is an example. It controls the Strategic Plan, which outlines how to get the Comp Plan done, written by Janice Vance. This matter should be put on a Selectboard (SB) meeting agenda for both comp plan implementation and the LED streetlight conversion.
- Wells Reserve and SMRP&DC are wrapping-up a sea level rise/storm surge plan for York coastal towns and will forward to towns for review. The time has come for towns to increase their taxes a little bit to support all sustainability efforts. Put question before the voters.

### **LED STREET LIGHTS CONVERSION**

- The KLPD has accepted doing an RFP for the LED streetlight conversion, but the Manager apparently is not reviewing the EEAC draft. Staz will send an email to the SB requesting EEAC’s attendance at the next KLPD Board meeting on April 27th to provide answers on EEAC’s approach to the RFP. Rist will represent the EEAC at the meeting. EEAC would want to review and make any suggestions on the post-reviewed KLPD version of the RFP. The SB and KLPD then need to cooperate on getting the RFP out.
- Dan Whaley, LGI representative to EEAC on the CREE streetlights would be willing to come to town and compare the CREE fixtures with the ESL Flowers fixture the KLPD Manager has been placing around town.

### **LIGHT CHANGE REQUEST**

To date there has been no action on KLPD’s part to shield or move the light on Fletcher St. from the Committee’s request on January 14th.

### **NO IDLING SIGNS**

The new revised signs have arrived. Wolfson has found some delay in businesses, fast food restaurants, etc., from placing them due to their need to get corporate-level approval first. Pratt has checked schools in town and found a number of old ones needing replacement. Staz will distribute new signs to Wolfson and Pratt.

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Committee approved the updated Purpose statement that includes the Town’s joining the Mayors’ Climate Action Initiatives. Staz will place it on the town website after checking with K. Nolette.

**MEETINGS.** Regularly scheduled EEAC meetings are to be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month  
Next meetings: April 28th and May 12th at 3:30 PM by zoom.