

TOWN of Kennebunk

**NOTES** (Summary Highlights & Decisions)

**Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting**

May 8, 2019: 5:30 – 7:35 PM

Present: Staz, Negley, M & N Bartenhagen, Dater.

Attendees: Dennis Andersen, Pam Jones.

**BALLOON BAN ORDINANCE** – Willy Jones has worked tirelessly but cooperatively in compromising in advocating for a new town balloon ban ordinance. It is likely to pass. The Selectboard approved the revised draft on April 9th for town vote at the June 2019 Town meeting. The Ordinance would ban all outdoor release of balloons except for governmental, scientific or meteorological purposes, or hot air balloons that are recovered after launching. Release of balloons indoors at Town buildings or Town-leased buildings are also prohibited, but not indoors in privately-owned buildings.

On May 26th, Jones, Blue Ocean Society, NRCM and the Audubon Society will host Blue Ocean's 65 foot inflatable whale at Town Hall – for kids to view from the inside – and Jones's power-point presentation of the danger of outdoor-grounded balloons to wildlife. On June 2nd at the New School, Jones will show the movie 'Rubber Jellyfish' to the public and host a Q&A afterwards. NRCM will help in advertising the film and KEEC will help where needed in promotion of the event. **MOTION** (Dater. / N. Bartenhagen): KEEC appropriates up to \$250 to support the inflatable whale and 'Rubber Jellyfish' movie as needed. Approved unanimously.

**MAYORS' CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE** - M. Bartenhagen has met with Ally Muir and Brad Lopes of TNS on progress on the ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) program in collecting green house gas (GHG) emissions data in town. All the GHG data KEEC member Dave Sluyter has previously collected has been integrated into the TNS data. The TNS students have found gaps in town data concerning, for example, town vehicle use of fossil fuels. A tour of the Town DPS (Department of Public Services) with Brian Laverriere and with the Fire Department are scheduled.

KEEC should try to get onto the agenda for the June 11th Town Meeting to present where the ICLEI program is and what the TNS students are doing.

**STREET LIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE** – The Subcommittee has conducted its final review of the updated draft 2019 Street Light Policies that incorporates transition to LED fixtures and suggestions from town staff. The revised policies will be transmitted to the Selectboard for discussion on May 14th. (The Selectmen approved the Policies at their May 28th meeting).

**H. R. 763** – The Draft Federal Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Bill (HR 763) will be discussed at the May 14th Selectmens' meeting. KEEC is asking that the Selectmen consider placing the bill before the voters at June Town Meeting to record the sense of the town for being in favor of the bill (or not). N. Bartenhagen has a roster of all the jurisdictions around the country who have expressed favorability toward the bill. Staz and/or Jay Kilbourne may need to sit in for Bartenhagen on May 14th as Nick has another meeting with the Town of York Energy Committee. Dennis Andersen can also attend on May 14th.

The York Energy Committee is a non-political town committee which favors HR 763 and is committed to zero carbon emission and 100% renewables by 2030. KEEC could learn from the York group in pursuing our own goals.

Next Meeting: May 8th, 5:30, 3rd floor Town Hall.