

TOWN of Kennebunk
NOTES (Summary Highlights & Decisions)
Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting
July 10, 2019: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Present: Staz, Negley, M &N Bartenhagen, Andersen, Dater, Karytko (Select Board Liaison).
Attendee: Bernie Reim

MINUTES: Approved as presented 4/10th KEEC Minutes, 5/8th and 6/12th.

MAYORS' CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE - At a June 23rd meeting M. Bartenhagen learned that the New School (TNS) GHG (green house gases) study group was having difficulty obtaining town vehicle fleet fuel use. But she did gather from Downeast Energy overall gallons of fuel for the vehicles of Town Hall, Fire, Public Services and Police Departments. Karytko will try to have the Selectmen direct town departments to keep records per individual vehicle by type of fuel purchased. EEC representative(s) will meet with Steve Cox, KK&WWD on its fuel usage. Staz met with Town Financial officer on July 10th but found that due to a busy schedule 264 pages of data could not be available for awhile.

M. Bartenhagen will meet with TNS teachers end of July on their GHG data collection over the 2019 summer project. She will also talk with Janet MacMahon, Camden Climate Change group on whom at MDOT to contact for estimating citizen consumption of vehicle fuel. She will talk with Rosanna Petaine, York Climate group on July 29th on GHG collection efforts. Sarah Meriam, KPort Administration Intern is also interested in our experience in collection GHG data and on our new street light policies. Kennebunk with Camden, York, and Belfast could have a conference call to share information on ways to collect GHG information. ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) is having a webinar on GHG collection; we could have a member of TNS and EEC represent us on the call.

PAY-IT (PAYT) SELECTMEN SUBCOMMITTEE – There is resident blowback on PAYT bag prices. Hannaford sells 13, 20 and 30 gallon bags. The 20 gallon bags are the biggest sellers. Could the town DPS personnel sample check the totes for bag use compliance? The Selectmen may stop the PAYT program and rely instead on town taxes to finance the program. Wells PAYT bags must be taken by residents to their transfer station and are monitored there. Perhaps Kennebunk could publish a warning in the tax bill on resident compliance.

STREET LIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE – Staz and Dater met with Todd Shea, KLPD on temporarily installing sample LED street lights, two each from CREE, GE and Philips, for public viewing. Two sites were subsequently chosen on Alewife Road for August or September. Staz will contact KLPD for installation.

OTHER - The new Kennebunk Community Handbook on the conduct of town committees and boards was handed out.

Next Meeting: August 14th, 6:30, 3rd floor Town Hall.