

Task Force on the Climate Emergency
Agenda for meeting 8/9/2021, 4:00 PM.

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comment.
5. Regular Business
 - A. Election of officers
 - B. Thoughts on CES presentation at 7/26/21 meeting
 - C. Continuing work on Climate Action Plan.
 - i. Suggestions of consultants who could assist with CAP
 - ii. Ruth/Sirohi steps to completion:
 1. 1) (in the works) Review CAP as a group with the following questions in mind as we look at each action step or strategy: 1. Do we all agree with this item? 2. Is it clearly written, or could it be improved? 3. How high of a priority is this item?
 2. 2) Add/Amend for department head feedback
 3. 3) Compare our CAP with other town's CAP examples - are we missing something important? Is there better wording to use? Do we have something none of the others do & if so, why? - Email with ideas on this process to follow...
 4. 4) Finalize our first full draft as a group!
 5. 5) Initiate a Public Workshop to review the document and get public feedback. Possibly develop a survey for before (to help us figure out how to facilitate the workshop), or after the workshop (if we have lingering questions)
 6. 6) Make final revisions based on workshop feedback
 7. 7) Present to the town council!
 - iii. Current steps and timeline:
 1. June 28 - overall review and task assignments
 2. July 12 - content review/ design thinking
 3. July 26 - public input/department head feed back
 4. August 9 - public input/department head feed back
 5. August 23 - review and incorporation of public feedback
 6. September 13 - content review
 7. September 21 - Final review
 8. September 22 - Present to council
 - D. GHG Audit – where to next? (recommendation to council? ongoing data tracking)
 - i. Audit collection tools like Clearpath. Approve?
 - ii. Add 2020-2021 data for tracking – Brian and other members from TF on CE?
 - E. Sustainability Coordinator discussion.
 - i. RFP samples from Jennifer & Brian & Millard.

- ii. Speak with Sustainability Coordinator for municipality.
 - iii. Council rep reports to council on need for this position. Did this happen?
- 6. Items for next meeting.
- 7. Task Force Comments.
- 8. Adjournment

Future Work:

- A. Tourism carbon impact
 - i. Cruise ships
- B. Climate Justice-- acknowledge impact of climate change and its disproportional impact on lower socio-economic groups and the intersectionality with other crises like racial equity. Climate change impacts developing countries exponentially more than developed countries and the developing countries are not the ones benefiting from the use of fossil fuels etc.
- C. Ground mounted solar array.
- D. Community composting.
- E. EV chargers
- F. Town based incentives for new buildings or renovations to exceed code requirements for efficiency, build electric and/or incorporating solar into design. Tax break? Cash back? What could the town actually do to incentivize? Could you forgive the first year of property taxes on a new build if there a solar array of a certain size or all electric house or passive house level insulation? A few thousand dollars might be enough to encourage some best practices.
- G. Public Outreach
 - i. Engage the BH Chamber of Commerce