

CETF 4/10/23

4-5:30pm, Town Hall, Conference Room or Auditorium if we can't fit

1. Call to order: 4:04
2. Attendance: Linnea, Brian, Margaret, Ruth
3. Approval of Minutes from [3/27/23](#) (Vote):
4. Adoption of Agenda (Vote):
5. Public Comment: Barharborstory@substack.com
6. Quick Updates?
7. Regular Business
 - A. Town Project updates
 - i. ICLEI progress; how was the meeting on 4/5?

Brian and Margret met with Kale on zoom to talk about getting started. Brian had notes from their website on how to prefore GHG audit, they are standardizing it so that numbers can be compared between towns. We need to pick a baseline year, Kale said to go back to 2019 because many other communities used that year. We have data from that year. Our fiscal year starts in July so our data might not lign up, Brian thinks we have all the data but we may need to rearrange. They talked about making additional calculations to get gallons per vehicle, Sarah has this data. Kale has a template for waste water treatment audit. They talked about renewable energy certificate, Kale said if you buy credits you can't use them to offset emissions. Brain asked about selling energy credits from our solar panels, Kale needs to talk to req expert, so they will have another meeting with us. Margaret mentioned that we need to figure out what data we after, it might be helpful to show how much energy is being used by each building regardless of it is GHG. Ruth said it might be helpful to have both data sets. We don't buy reqs right now, but we made a recommendation to council to buy them. The data needs to be standardized with the rest of ICLEI but we can present it in other ways. Brian mentioned that we need to account for waste oil in the audit. ICLEI has guidance on what questions to ask public works so that we know what to put in the audit. Ruth is curious if we can still join the other towns in the regional ICLEI. Ruth will follow up with ACTT to see if this possible. If not, Brianna would still be a good resource for learning how to enter the data.
 - ii. CAP 2.0 Outreach event, EV Siting, Higgins Pit, CRP grants, etc.
 1. Ruth share out on conversation with ACTT

We should look back on the original CAP to ways we need more public input. ACTT has grant money for 3 CAP listening sessions between now and March 2024. It would be a good idea to have one of these before the summer. Mid to late May? We should check with other towns about time of day/week. We should look back on old notes to see what we are looking to get out of this session. We

should prioritize this for the spring over other events, with will get info together for next week.

ACTT has money for building solutions event. There was one in January, so can hold off on having this right now. Since ACTT will do most of the organizing, it will be easier to implement.

There is also funding for an island wide EV event, they want to have this once the EV charging locations are chosen. The other towns have done this and are waiting for Bar Harbor. Sarah has quotes on the cost difference between having 2 separate chargers or 1 with 2 outputs, she will send this to Ruth. The ball field is a favoured location, but Agamont, and Harbour master are other options.

Parking task force are meeting on Thursday and Sarah will bring EV chargers up to get their opinion.

ACTT is primarily focusing on events for other towns. They're doing a resilience and adaptation analysis with the GOM institute.

Communicating this to people makes it more real and encourages them to support changes. GOM institute is coming here in the fall to do a training. Each town gets 6 people in training and can have 4 observers. We should start thinking about who should attend.

Johannah and Beth are concerned about Higgins pit, no construction should start until there is an interconnection agreement with Versant. Bethany will be giving a status update of Higgins Pit at Town Council on Tuesday the 18th.

Johannah will try and get someone from ACTT to start coming to our meetings. Johannah and Bri will probably be here on the 24th. When we hire a new sustainability coordinator, it would be good to have established communication with ACTT so that task distribution is clear. Sarah is meeting with other town staff about the position and possibility of having a contractor or part time staff for the rest of this year. It would be helpful for Sarah to have the original job description. CETF would be interested in being a part of the hiring process if this is helpful.

2. Sarah Gilbert updates?

a. Renewable electrical supply for schools?

Norm might know more about this. Brian mentioned that the school pays their own bills and manage this separately. Ruth is wondering if we could join with the schools to potentially bring costs down. It would be helpful for someone from the town and Norm to meet with CES. Ruth will ask Laura what this was about.

iii. Discuss how we might educate staff and committees around "sustainability" and ID metrics to measure "success"...

Every group could have an advocate for sustainability. Michelle had mentioned having a workshop with everyone. Ruth was talking to Johannah about having a specified Climate Ambassadors training. One workshop on vocab and basics and one town staff role. It

would be easier to communicate information if you include the 3 sustainability pillars and how they are related to CAP. ACTT could put together a survey to specify what info is presented. It would be great to have town staff, committee members, and town council. If ACTT doesn't have the funding this, we probably pay them. Since ACTT already has an established program, we should start with there info and maybe hold other sustainability sessions in the future.

- iv. Review Priority Project list & CAP Gantt chart and where we are at currently. What can we do to move projects forward? What should our CETF priorities be for the next few months?

- 1. Initiate wastewater treatment plant audit through EfficiencyME?

This is a huge source of emissions and there is an established program.

Goals for this year:

Conduct building energy audits. Replace #2 heating oil with sustainable biodiesel. Will this work with ICLEI? It is accounted for somehow but not a direct reduction from emissions.

Developed strengthened energy efficiency plans for COMP Plan and Land Use Ordinance.

Developed and begin schedule for fossil fuel phase out.

Enforce no-idling rule.

The Bar Harbor Climate Emergency Website.

Governance - hire a coordinator.

Identify parking fund and cruise ship fund money to support climate projects.

Adopt municipal electronic documentation policy.

- v. Other?

- B. Budget process updates-

- i. June Op-Ed in support of staffing positions, net-zero schools, etc?

- C. Upcoming Events:

- i. April: Earth day 11-4 on Sat April 22 at COA. Needs?

- ii. Drive EV updates: school's e-bus?

- iii. Other Topics?

- 8. Closing

- A. Review & assign "to do" list.

- B. Convert to monthly meetings for the time-being? Meet as-needed on CAP 2.0 outreach and ICLEI?

- C. Public Comment?

- 9. Adjournment:

"To Do" List:

