

CETF 11/13/23

4-5:30pm, Town Hall, Conference Room or Auditorium

1. Call to order: 4:02PM
2. Attendance: Jen Crandall, Tobin Peacock, Ezra Sassaman, Mary Ann Handel, Gary Friedmann, Brian Booher (4:45PM)
3. Approval of Minutes from [10/30/23](#) (Vote): Gary moves, Mary Ann seconds. All approve.
4. Adoption of Agenda (Vote): Tobin would like to amend to include a quick debrief of meeting with Kali and Michelle, and Gary would like to add a discussion of EV charging stations. Mary Ann moves to amend the agenda, Ezra seconds. All approve.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Quick Items:
 - A. Intros with new Town Manager, James Smith if he can attend. Does not start until Wednesday.
 - B. EV chargers: Gary: local resident asked why we don't have high speed Tesla charging stations? Tobin: Tesla decides where the chargers are placed. All it would take would be for a Tesla owner to reach out to the company. They might be willing to put one in here. Mary Ann asked what prevents someone from staying in a spot all day. Tobin: the cost per hour goes way up once the charge is complete.
 - C. Plan for 2 more listening sessions to be scheduled before March.
Possibilities:
 - i. In collaboration w/Chamber of Commerce (Gary update on conversation w/Everal Eaton)-Set up a meeting for Thursday with Everal, Ruth, Brie and Gary to get him up to date on the climate action plan and Sustainable MDI. He is very interested in sustainability. The listening session would be directed toward businesses. Ezra: the Chamber website is not up to date and still says that 85 businesses are part of Sustainable MDI. There were a number of actions the businesses had to take to meet the requirement and take the pledge. Is that still the case? Gary: in limbo since Covid. Brie will have some info. It will be good to get it going again. Tobin would be interested in being part of it if it gets going again. Jen: we should get the strategies from the CAP that are applicable and find out what they are already doing, what we have missed, what are the barriers? Get them the info ahead of time so they can do their homework.
 - ii. Possible meet & greet w/Town Manager & new Sustainability Dir. when one is hired?
 - iii. Open Table MDI? And/or other non-profits. Ezra: for both businesses and non-profits we should focus on resource use and waste management. Gary: we need feedback on specific actions rather than have these listening sessions be open-ended. Tobin: let's make sure that the questions are in front of the people in

advance, with PR beforehand. Identify the key people from the various institutions and businesses who represent sustainability or purchasing etc. We should also ask Brie if there is anything specific that we need to cover for the listening sessions in terms of the grant.

- iv. Goals: priorities & who is responsible for what (see above)
- v. Timeframes: January & March—let's wait for Brie and Ruth to be present before we set dates.

7. Debrief our conversation with Michelle and Kali.

A. Did we get our point across well enough? We no longer have a point person from the CETF on Comp Plan committee. Mary Ann: it is an open question. Michelle wants to read the updated CAP and incorporate it, but it seemed unclear. Would like to see “We are committed to X, Y and Z as stated in the CAP...” Didn't seem like there was interest in including specific dates and goals. Ezra: there is also a question about what goes to the Town Council and what goes into the Comp Plan as an aspirational document. Brian: I believe when Michelle says climate is front and center.

B. Do we want to get representation back on the committee? Has anyone read through the draft of the work they have been doing? Perhaps if we look at the themes and cross walk it with our CAP strategies we can add some oomph.

C. Do we want to follow up and give more info from our point of view? There is concern that our CAP is not as strongly represented in the Comp Plan as we would like. It doesn't feel like sustainability is front and center. Brian: disappointed that we only had one committee member there to hear us out. We could send a letter to the committee or ask for another meeting. Gary: would like something specific in the plan about sustainability. Tobin: we need to do our best to make sure the Comp Plan references the CAP. Ezra: let's ask to schedule another meeting with Michelle and as many Comp Plan members (a critical mass) as possible “Now that you have had a chance to read our updated CAP, and we have had a chance to read the CP, can we get back together and compare notes”. [Brian moves that this task force asks the CP committee to have another meeting with a critical mass of members so that we can have a more substantive conversation of how the CAP can be incorporated into the C \(now that we all have had a chance to read each other's drafts\).](#) Ezra seconds. All in favor. Tobin will ask Ruth to set up the meeting.

8. Regular Business

A. 20 min - share out on CAP edits to [latest draft of CAP 2.0](#)

- i. Transportation (Brian) didn't have a chance to look at it.
- ii. Renewable Energy (Gary) didn't see anything that was critical to add in.
- iii. Public Education and Engagement (Ezra) Added in blue.
- iv. Determine next steps

B. 30 min - review priority projects & next steps

- i. Resources for this work:
 - 1. [Actionable Items](#) document—Ruth reached out to Bethany about a meeting to get a sense of what we can do for her and where our work intersects with her. Gary: we should talk

with new Town Manager first. We should try to get him at our next meeting. Homework: go through CAP and add anything that we can tackle immediately from each strategy. Also do the same with the Gantt chart.

2. [Gantt Chart](#)
 3. [Laura's list of projects](#) (spring, 2023)
- ii. "Updates & Next Steps" Decision Items
1. Municipal Building Reno RFP & EV Charger installations (Ruth)
 2. ICLEI update/next steps—Ezra and Brian joined a zoom meeting with ICLEI to get Ezra up to date with the program and password etc. Will be meeting again today to get started on it. Brie can be a resource.
 3. Advocating [LD99 to MainePERS](#) to board member drawn from the Maine Municipal Association.

9. Closing

A. Review & assign "to do" list. For next meeting: let's look through the Pillars and Elements of the [Comp Plan](#) and make sure climate action is a strong enough piece of it. Gary will report out on Chamber meeting and meeting with new Town Manager. Brian moves to adjourn, Gary seconds. All in favor.

10. Adjournment:

"To Do" List:

- Ezra's [list of questions](#) for vision & accomplishments site
- [Maine's Climate Agenda](#) perhaps we should print this out and distribute in town?
- Contact ACTT about supporting Climate Ambassadors project