

## Community Resilience Grant Committee Meeting Notes

01/14/2026

Attendees:

Committee Members Present	Linda Meadows Sarah Hardy Aaron Zeisler Beth Haynes Charlie Smith Nadine Lysiak
Committee Members Absent	Serena Cole
Community Attendees	Beth Smith, Liz Lenharr
MCOG Attendees	

**Yellow Highlight** indicates NEW or not-yet-completed action items.

**Green Highlight** indicates COMPLETED action items.

#	Agenda	Notes
1	Call to Order; Quorum present	Meeting Start at: 4:00 pm See attendance above
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda	<p>1. Linda has an addition: Serena reached out to Linda to let her know she has decided she no longer has time to commit to this committee. Serena stressed to Linda that she's still very much in support of our cause but given her time constraints she thought it best to have one of the alternate members to become a full member. Serena will be involved in our activities when she can and she'll continue working with the community garden committee. Serena will notify the town that she must resign then we must ask the select board to elevate Beth or Nadine to be a full member (<b>Linda to notify the Town Manager</b>). Nadine volunteered to take on the full time position.</p> <p>2. Beth Smith has a topic to discuss, Linda indicated it would fit in well during our discussion of the new grant proposal ideas.</p>
3.	Review and approval of previous meeting minutes	<p>Linda suggested several minor changes to the document, these changes were made by Sarah.</p> <p>Linda made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Aaron, all voted in favor of the motion.</p>
4.	Action Item updates from previous meetings	<p><b>Sarah should publish something to Stockton Springs Talks about its arrival and ask for the feedback.</b> – this was done on the day that the newsletter began arriving in mailboxes. Complete</p> <p><b>Members should review this list of potential projects, remind themselves of their assignments and bring any follow-ups they have to the next meeting.</b> – see below agenda item. Complete</p>

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5.	Parks Committee – Request for letter of support	<p>We discussed that we’d be happy to write a letter but we’d need to be sure that the changes being proposed align with resilience ideology. <b>Linda is going to ask Bonita to join one of our meetings</b> or to send an explanation of the project. This letter isn’t needed till June so we have some time.</p> <p>Link to the request for a support letter: <a href="#">parks committee letter of support request</a></p>
6.	Share any Community Action Grant Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reviewed <a href="#">Quarter 4 2025 financial summary</a>. Linda talked us through the spreadsheet. A few comments of note: the mailer came in on budget; because we’ve gotten better prices on hardware, we may have extra money and we discussed using the remainder for an additional year of zoom subscription.</li> <li>b. Energy Audit – just before the meeting, Linda received a one page <a href="#">high level summary</a>, not the full report. We reviewed the write up that we were provided.</li> <li>c. Community Garden – At the first meeting on 1/9/2026, there were nine people there and everyone had something to contribute to the planning effort.</li> <li>d. Community Engagement – the how-to documents are in good enough shape that we’ve sent them to Sadie and Amber for review and we hope to begin rolling them out to committee leaders and getting training scheduled. Linda is also working on the policy for select board meetings but we don’t expect to do anything about that till a new town manager is in place.</li> </ul>
7.	Discussion of next Resilience grant proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Review community <a href="#">feedback from newsletter</a>. The number of responses was very low but the info we received was good. <b>Nadine suggested doing another Facebook post with just the survey portion, Nadine will make that post.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There are a few action items in the list that deserve communication – for the emergency kit and the transportation. <b>Charlie will reach out to Dale to find out about scheduling the training.</b> Need to find out if there would be a charge (Charlie doesn’t think so), if there’s a charge then we could put it into the next grant. <b>Nadine will send an acknowledgement to the folks who said they want to attend a class on disaster kits to let them know we’re working on setting that up.</b></li> <li>b. <b>An email about the transportation options can be sent to the person who requested that info – Linda will send the info (we already have the write up).</b></li> <li>c. Because we didn’t get any feedback on the medical questions (about devices or conditions), Charlie is also going to see if the clinic on Cape Jellison can give any info about</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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8.	Calendar - upcoming meetings and events	Reserved 2026 dates. Each at 4pm. Wednesday, January 28, Feb 11 and Feb25 March 11 and 25 <b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS</b>
9.	Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:29 pm.