

## Community Resilience Grant Committee Meeting Notes

12/16/2025

Attendees:

Committee Members Present	Linda Meadows Sarah Hardy Aaron Zeisler Beth Haynes Charlie Smith Nadine Lysiak
Committee Members Absent	Serena Cole
Community Attendees	
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: 4:09 pm See attendance above
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda	Charlie would like to talk about emergency communication – we will address this in part of #5
3.	Review and approval of previous meeting minutes	Linda made note that the last meeting scheduled was cancelled so the notes we're approving are from 11/18/25  Linda made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nadine, all voted in favor of the motion.
4.	Action Item updates from previous meetings	<b>Beth is going to reach out to the technical school to see if the culinary program might be interested.</b> Update 10/13 - Linda mentioned that Terry Van Pret created a flier and it's been distributed to all the teachers at the elementary school. Beth requested the flyer to adjust it and will use that to communicate with the culinary program. Update 10/27 – Beth dropped off the flyers. Is still looking into the 4H programs and the cooperative extension. Update 11/18 – there is no 4H garden program any more in waldo county. Beth is going to reach out to the cooperative extension program for 4H to find out more information. Update 12/16 – when she reached out to the cooperative extension office, there is no summer growing any more. She may reach out to the university to see if there's anything like that. Closed and we'll pick this up as a new item if there are any interesting UoM programs to look into.  <b>Linda to contact Terry Van Praet about Searsport schools, if she heard anything more.</b> Complete 12/16, Terry didn't hear back from the school. Per Beth, we could try to reconnect in the spring when it might be more on their mind.

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		<p>Sarah suggested that the name/phone/address lines need to be on the medical questions side so she will redo that part. Nadine will be finding a new picture to replace the flooded harbor picture. Linda is going to confirm with Sadie that the picture of the solar panel design is still accurate. Complete 12/16 This was done, the draft was submitted to the printer</p>
5.	Share any Community Action Grant Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Energy Audit – the substitute auditor went through the fire and ambulance building just before thanksgiving. The auditor told Linda that he was giving her an update today, she hasn't seen that from him yet. Unfortunately, the substitute auditor cannot write the analysis because he's not authorized to do municipal reports, just residential. Linda will keep reminding the auditor about the report. During the review of the EMS and fire building there was minor observations of the fire building but there were a few changes that could be made in the EMS building. The dryer vents into the interior but could be moved to an external wall and there could be more insulation in the gambrel roof of the building.</li> <li>b. Solar Panels on Town Hall – no new information, still planned in Q1.</li> <li>c. Replacement of Town Hall back door – not to be installed till spring, possibly in May.</li> <li>d. Community Garden – planning meetings are scheduled for January-March, first Wednesday of the month in the library. Linda has been looping in people via email but will post on social media to try and get more involvement.</li> <li>e. Community Engagement –the draft sent the draft by Linda on 11/23, she approved the proof and they said it would be done and into our mailboxes in 2 weeks – possibly early next week. They suggested few changes so we expect not much design charges. Sarah should publish something to Stockton Springs Talks about its arrival and ask for the feedback.</li> <li>f. Tracking volunteer hours – 2 hours Nadine, Sarah about 20 hours + Linda hours</li> <li>g. Review draft of <a href="#">Quarterly Update</a> – due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Linda has started a draft. It doesn't include the money spent yet, Linda will get that from Amber in January. It will include garden, door, and tech payments. The group reviewed the draft together and Linda captured the suggested changes.</li> </ul>
6.	Discussion of next Resilience grant ideas and next steps	<p>Linda shared the <a href="#">list of projects</a> we're considering. Asks each of the attendees to consider what information we will need to get in the next month to have a good discussion about these projects. Members should review this list, remind themselves of their assignments and bring any follow-ups they have to the next meeting.</p>

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		<p>Also – Sarah and Linda met with Sadie at her request because she and George had tried to figure out how to eliminate non-electrical heat sources so the town could stop using fossil fuels entirely. There are several areas in the office where there is only oil baseboard heater or where there is no heat at all. <a href="#">Link to the document discussing Sadie's idea</a></p> <p>Charlie wanted to discuss two way communication to residents – 3 years ago he was told there was a ham radio that needed to be reinstalled, it took about a year to implement. When they got it running they realized it is only for fire department frequencies, not for individuals, it's the same thing that already exists for the fire department, and not really the solution they were hoping and planned for to have new communication channels in an emergency. He doesn't want our communication plan to be done in the same way as the ham radio was implemented – we need to consider who will manage the program if we choose to go with it. There are various grades of communications (Walmart walkie talkies work, GRMS devices are like those but better, ham radio is even better). We could define the infrastructure and plan and then folks can opt in, devices aren't expensive. Charlie is putting together his thoughts on this.</p> <p>Nadine mentioned that she's interested in the walkability project and will research what other towns are doing</p> <p>Beth is interested in the drinking water assessment and will look into that especially since the EPA is changing their requirements.</p> <p>Linda will research the in home battery loan program that Newcastle is implementing with a resilience grant</p> <p>Sarah to speak to Logix about totally electrifying the town hall.</p> <p>Aaron- will work with Linda on the home battery loan program and the battery backup for the town hall.</p>
7.	Calendar - upcoming meetings and events	<p>Reserved 2026 dates. Each at 4pm.          Wednesday, January 14, 28,          Feb 11 and Feb25          March 11 and 25  <b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS</b></p>
8.	Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:31 pm.