

Community Resilience Grant Committee Meeting Notes

11/4/2024

Attendees:

Committee Members Present	Linda Meadows Kathy Kamzelski Ernie Kalinisan Sarah Hardy Aaron Zeisler Serena Cole Charlie Smith
Committee Members Absent	
Community Attendees	Elizabeth Lenharr, Selectperson



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: 2:59pm See attendance above
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda	Add correspondence section
3.	Review and Approval of 10/28/24 Meeting minutes	Need to add the documents that had place holders, linda to resend. Approved unanimously once the documents are included
4.	Action Item updates from previous meeting	Energy audit update Linda – <ul style="list-style-type: none">On 11/12 George Callas will be walking through the buildings to get a more accurate estimate for energy audit. CRP grant proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none">Elizabeth will also ask at the select board if there are other properties that could be used for a community garden.<ul style="list-style-type: none">This is in process: Liz asked Mac and he's going to go through the town properties, Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sarah and Aaron will speak to someone in the town about setting up an informational table on election day. Completed, two chairs and a table will be available. Depending on weather we may bring a canopy to put over the table. Linda provided the Efficiency Maine pamphlets etc. to have at the table. Projects updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">MCOG Submission for Vulnerability assessment (Linda) – that's submitted, no additional information needed per Meg Rasmussen.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah and Aaron volunteered to reach out to Solar Logix to get quote for town hall building. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is scheduled for Thursday 10/31 @9am. ○ Will need to get a copy of the town's energy bills. Angie Porter will attempt to get the bills from CMP via an online account. ○ Met with Wally and Kurt Penny from Solar Logix, we discussed the project, they viewed the site. Their recommendation is to pursue ownership of the panels from the beginning. ○ Curt offered to help communicate with Sundog Solar about the town garage panel contract if the town needs help with that. ○ No new news till they get the energy usage info. ○ Putting the panels on the roof should not be a problem, they use clips that do not penetrate the roof surface. We've been told there is a concern that adding solar panels would invalidate the roof warranty. Waiting now to get a copy of the warranty from Mac. **We learned after the meeting that as long as the roof isn't penetrated, the warranty is not affected. Great news! • Serena will get a quote for an electric car charger. Suggestion to speak to the folks at Amandine (Rio's) about the charger they had installed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solar Logix also installs car chargers, we asked them about that on Thursday when they came to the town office and they said it's a very easy thing to do, with virtually no cost to the town to get them installed because they take on the cost of installation. They also would then get the proceeds of electricity purchases. We will not need to put it into the grant if we go this route. ○ Serena found in her research that we'd need to make sure it's able to connect to connected to the internet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 2 fitting – is a 240V system, costs \$1800 to \$7000. Networking/installation \$500-\$10,000 (probably based on #s of chargers). This can be used by all cars. 4-10 hours for full electric car. For hybrid could be fully charged in 2-4 hours. ▪ Level 1 is slower, like residential units – takes 40-50 hours to get a full charge. ○ Questions for follow-up – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ what's the percentage of electric vehicles – do we need to determine this to see what the need might be? ▪ Kathy is concerned about liability if someone is harmed while they wait for the charge. ▪ Planning board/select board approval – SolarLogix could get involved in that.
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5.	correspondence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter from Mac Smith about the community garden. There is land available near the ball field, he has questions about maintenance and long term responsibilities that would need to be addressed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah to reach out again to the garden interested people to get that moving. • The group would like to understand how much space is available. Involve the interested volunteers 2. Email from Noelle Merrill -about walkability/cycling. In Bangor she worked for an aging agency, they bought a bunch of safety vests (fluorescent) for citizens. She also suggested a survey to get feedback to avoid some of the negativity seen via facebook. The committee likes the idea of getting vests. How would we figure out who wants them/how many to get?
6	Review of CRP Grant Application document	<p>Review and Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about the sentence about schools in the B1 section. • Concern about the mention of fuel use, it's not likely part of the efficiency audit, but we should be able to get that fairly easily from the town budget. • Towns of Union and Hope have ordinances that are similar to the food sovereignty that mentioned we can have farmers markets, sell jelly, eggs etc. • Kathy thinks there may be something on S.S. books about food sovereignty because she and Charlie remember meetings at the town about this (especially raw milk). The meeting was precovid so it's hard to remember specifics. Need to look at the town ordinances, maybe ask Melissa Thompson? Kathy to check if there is an ordinance • If one doesn't exist, we could draw up a proposal for an ordinance, bring it to select board, they would do the relevant investigations, then select board approval, town meeting approval

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove H5 from the community engagement • Need to find something from the spreadsheet to attribute the solar panels to. • <p>Committee to review the example pages and give feedback</p> <p>Serena, Sarah and Linda will take a first stab at filling out the form and the rest of the group will serve as our editors.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <p>Grant%20APPLICATIO N.docx</p> <p>CAG2024-5-Program Statement_FINAL.docx</p> </div>
8	Adjournment	Adjourned at about 4:33pm
9	Future meeting date	Next meeting is Tuesday 11/11 meeting is moved to 11/12 because of Veterans' day. The meeting will be in the upstairs conference room on that day. Sarah/Aaron to bring a TV

Timeline (remaining items)

- Create Budget for cost - Obtain quotes as needed
- Write the grant proposal - start Nov 1
- Review of grant proposal by Tanya or others
- Update grant proposal with suggested changes
- Get Selectboard approval of final CAG grant proposal – no later than 12/9/24
- Submit proposal by 12/17/24

Deadlines:

- Community Action Grant (CAG) proposal due date: 12/17/24
- Track 2 Service Provider proposal due: 11/8/2024 (COMPLETED)
- Believe service provider would write the proposal, but town needs to provide letter of support to include.
- Selectboard meeting dates: October 15, October 28, November 12, November 25, December 9.
- Next CAG round proposals due August 2025

Table A: Summary of Ideas from 6/17/24 Public meeting

Idea	# votes
Sandy Point Beach Erosion restoration	7
Green Valley culvert replacement plan (needs to allow salmon access)	7
Emergency Shelter – new building	7
Heat pumps in ambulance building and public works building	6

Sandy Point trails – improve resiliency to storms (add to erosion restoration)	4
Fire hydrants that work for all	4
Community garden	3
Point person, coordinator for projects/case studies	3
Roof repair of municipal buildings	3
Solar upgrades	2
Vulnerability assessment of all town properties to effects of climate change (includes residential properties)	2
Roadside solar/EV charging	1
Breakwater for Stockton Harbor	1
Senior Housing	1
Municipal composting	0
Broadband	0

*note: zero votes does not indicate no interest or that we shouldn't pursue it, it simply means that folks chose to use their prioritization votes elsewhere and it is a lower priority.

Projects from the list of community actions the committee listed as Future High

Strategy Area A: Embrace the Future of Transportation		
Accelerate the Transition to Electric Vehicles (EVs)		
A2	Install EV chargers in public parking areas.	Efficiency Maine: EV supply equipment initiative (\$)
Improve Mobility and Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)		
A5	Implement strategies that increase public transit ridership and alternative transportation modes, including bike and walking infrastructure.	
A9	Adopt a Complete Streets policy which addresses safety, bike/pedestrian uses, and transit.	Maine DOT Complete Streets
A10	Adopt a broadband plan that reduces the need to drive by increasing access to high speed internet for underserved residents to support telecommuting, access to remote education and telehealth.	Maine Connectivity Authority planning and infrastructure grants (\$)
Strategy Area B: Modernize Maine's Buildings		
Transition to Cleaner Heating and Cooling, and Efficient Appliances in Municipal/Tribal Buildings		
B4	Install a heat pump system or VRF system for heating/cooling and heat pump water heating in municipal/tribal buildings.	Efficiency Maine: Public Sector (\$)
B6	Adjust procurement policies to prioritize climate-friendly Maine forest products (e.g. mass timber, wood-fiber insulation) in construction projects.	
Strategy Area C: Reduce Emissions through Clean Energy Innovation		

Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions		
C1	Conduct a baseline for energy useage by municipal/tribal government including electricity, heating and transportation fuels, and other energy sources.	
C2	Identify and track a simplified set of emissions indicators for community emissions reduction (e.g. number of EVs registered in the community, number of homes with solar panels, number of heat pump rebates from Efficiency Maine).	
C3	Adopt a resolution setting targets and a plan for reducing emissions and advancing clean energy from municipal/tribal operations that align with the state's targets.	
Strategy Area D: Grow Jobs and Protect Natural Resource Industries		
Support Maine's Natural Resource Economy		
D1	Adopt policies that enable, support, or incentivize local food production and consumption, including community gardens.	
Strategy Area E: Protect the Environment & Promote Natural Climate Solutions		
Protect Natural and Working Lands and Waters		
E3	Create or update a watershed plan to identify flooding and water quality priorities and adaptation options.	ME DEP Nonpoint Source Priority Watersheds List & grants (\$)
E5	Conserve, revegetate and reconnect floodplains and buffers in riparian areas.	
E9	Identify and protect sites for living shorelines and saltmarsh migration areas.	ME Natural Areas Program: Maps, Data, and Technical Assistance
Strategy Area F: Build Healthy & Resilient Communities		
Plan for Community Resilience		
F1	Conduct a community vulnerability assessment that identifies climate risks and vulnerable populations and includes a review of existing plans and policies. Adopt a climate resilience plan that describes high priority strategies for reducing risk and vulnerabilities (may be a standalone plan or included in a comprehensive plan).	-
Reduce Flood Risk		
F5	Complete the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist.	Maine Flood Resilience Checklist
F12	Adopt a low-impact design (LID) standard for stormwater management.	Low Impact Design Manual for Maine Communities (PDF)
Strengthen Public Health		

F13	Identify and plan to reduce public health threats in the community that are exacerbated by climate change.	US CDC Health Harm Cards and Climate & Health Planning Worksheet
F14	Develop and implement an extreme temperatures emergency plan, including strategies that increase use of cooling centers by residents.	US CDC Heat & Health Tracker Resources: Heat Response Plans and Use of Cooling Centers
Strategy Area G: Invest in Climate-Ready Infrastructure		
Utilize climate-ready standards, designs, and practices to improve infrastructure		
G5	Adopt DEP's Stream Smart Crossing Guidelines as standard practice for culvert and bridge improvements. Identify vulnerable crossings and apply for DEP improvement funds.	DEP Stream Smart Crossings Grants and Pocket Guide (\$)
Strategy Area H: Engage Maine People		
Increase public awareness of climate change impacts and opportunities to take action		
H4	Engage youth in resilience, clean energy, and energy use reduction.	
H5	Engage populations that are vulnerable to climate impacts in resilience, clean energy, and GHG emissions reduction.	