

Town of Stockton Springs, Maine
Community Input Session for Community Resilience Partnership Grant Program
June 17, 2024, 6pm

Attendees:

All Selectboard members: Betsy Bradley, Marsha Shute, Elizabeth Lenharr
Town Manager: Mac Smith
Residents: See attached sign-in sheet
Meg Rasmussen, Mid-Coast Council of Governments

The Selectboard called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Roll call was taken, then Meg Rasmussen was given the floor to be the facilitator of the meeting.

Ms. Rasmussen gave a brief overview of the Mid-Coast Council of Governments and her role in it, and then provided a quick summary of the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) Program. She shared some examples of what communities near us who were already CRP members were working on and answered questions about how the program worked. She then asked all present to share their ideas of what is needed to improve the resiliency of Stockton Springs, documenting the ideas on flip chart sheets posted to the wall.

There were a lot of ideas generated, with good participation from all attending residents. All ideas were documented, even if they did not necessarily fit into the categories that the CRP program grants covered.

When all ideas were captured, each person was given 3 stickers to place on the idea(s) that they believe to be most important. The results were:

Idea	# votes
Sandy Point Beach Erosion restoration	9
Green Valley culvert replacement plan (needs to allow salmon access)	9
Emergency Shelter – new building	7
Heat pumps in ambulance building and public works building	6
Sandy Point trails – improve resiliency to storms	4
Fire hydrants that work for all	4
Community garden	3
Point person, coordinator for projects/case studies	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

The selectboard asked that any resident willing to participate on a Resiliency committee sign-up on a sheet that was passed around the room.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7pm.