

Community Resilience Grant Committee Meeting Notes

09/09/2024

Attendees:

Committee Members Present	Linda Meadows Kathy Kamzelski Ernie Kalinisan Sarah Hardy Charlie Smith
Committee Members Absent	Aaron Zeisler Serena Cole
Community Attendees	Marsha Shute, Selectperson Elizabeth Lenharr, Selectperson Betsy Bradley, 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: 6:00pm See attendance above
2.	Adjustments to the Agenda	Quick adjustment to the agenda – discussed change of day of week for the meeting. No other day of the week works for the majority so meetings will remain on Monday.
4.	Review and Approval of 8/19/24 Meeting minutes	Approved – all in favor
5.	Update on Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bonnie Jean Brooks will confirm with the Brooks family about the overlap of their property and Sandy Point and report back to the committee next meeting. 2. Linda: set meeting time with Joseph Kelley, a retired Emeritus Professor from the School of Earth and Climate Sciences at University of Maine at Orono who has studied the Sandy Point beach area in the past. He is willing to meet with us on Tuesday September 17, 1pm. Linda also found Rick Harter on Monday September 16 @ 1pm who can also walk the site to us. Rick owns a restoration consulting company, this meeting is not paid but he could be hired in the future if it's a good fit. 3. Linda: An email request to meet was also sent to Paul Bernacki of Belmont, who is Maine certified in Erosion Control Practices. Any updates from him? Not pursuing because no reply. Going with Rick Harder instead.

4. **Serena found one vendor willing to do an Energy Audit on town municipal buildings.** The company is Build Green Maine from Brooks, ME. Contact = George Callas, 207-323-1974. Price \$0.75-\$0.90 per square foot. May be approx \$1500.00.
5. **Linda received info from the Resilience Partnership about a program that does energy audits for municipalities,** but it is a limited number of towns who will qualify. We have to get into the partnership and then have to apply before 10/4. So, we will see if we can meet those deadlines and if not, we will figure out how to pay for an energy audit.
6. **Linda was able to connect with George Russell in Public works.**
 - a. Greenway culvert is evaluated every year by the state, to repair it's going to be about \$750,000
 - b. Grants are available for \$600,000, possibly for the aquatic/salmon restoration
 - c. Public works is only allowed to do any project that requires excavation of 10ft or less. Any more than 10 ft and it must be contracted out.
 - d. Mac has a procurement policy **(Linda to get from him)**
7. **Identify Efficiency Maine training opportunities for code enforcement (Aaron):** Based on the town's web sight, Tupie Rooney is listed as the Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector. The below are the places that he thought might be of interest to her, but she could also go to the Efficiency Maine web site and search for "training". If you think we need more or if Aaron went in the wrong direction, just let him know and he will do some more digging.

Documentation and training for municipalities. It is a little geared to getting stuff into existing municipal buildings but still looked pretty good.

<https://www.energycodemaine.com/resources-for-municipalities/>

Energy Code Requirements including workshops:
<https://www.energycodemaine.com/building-energy-codes/>

Current available professional training:
<https://www.energycodemaine.com/professional-training-old/>

Training for Realtors which may be helpful:
<https://www.energycodemaine.com/resources-for-realtors/>

*the group will hold on this for the time being as we have higher priorities. Will take this up (if there's more to it than this) to communicate to Toupie after we get our partnership underway.
8. We were surprised when Tom Moore told us that there is no County hazard mitigation plan. **Serena volunteered to call Belfast county seat to ask about this.**


6.	Complete “List of Community Actions”	 List%20of%20Community%20Actions_2023- Competed!! See attached
7.	Discuss Resiliency Committee By-Laws	On 8/19/24 the committee reviewed the draft document that included both Serena/Linda’s draft and Kathy’s suggestions. Suggestions for changes were provided. Linda updated the draft document with the suggested changes, the committee needs to review it at a future meeting. The biggest discussion point was around the purpose of the committee: should it include verbiage around reducing carbon emissions and transitioning to clean energy or just about becoming more resilient to climate change effects? We decided to wait until the next meeting when more of the committee was present to discuss this again and take a vote on it.
8.	Future meeting dates	Next meeting is Monday, Sept 16. Weekly on Mondays through October @6pm. If we decide we don’t need them, we can cancel.
9.	Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:41

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.