1. Energy Steering Meeting Materials

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February 20, 2020 7:00 pm
Location: York Library Wheeler Room

Members present: Rozanna Patane, Gerry Runte, Liz Kinzly, Harry Mussman, Susan Covino, Wayne Boardman

Guests present: Cameron Runte, Nan Graves, Mac McAbee, Steven Kosacz, James Kences, Skip Schnable, Debby Ronnquist, Brian Kaye, Christine Seibert

1. Approval of January 2020 minutes—Unanimous!

2. *CANCELED Due to illness* Guest: Adam Frederick, Goggin Energy
   Adam rescheduled to April, Karina Graeter of SMPDC will also attend

3. Old Business
   a. Gerry – Solar Joint Committee update
      i. Warrant goes for approval next week, needs a public hearing first. Release of RFP will not be approved at that meeting; waiting on town attorney. Need a ballot vote to lease the land & a vote by the BOS to approve the RFP. Budget committee may also need to approve it to get on the ballot.
   b. Gerry - EV charging station update
      i. Funding approved! At last BOS meeting, a piece of funding taken from the sustainability fund & money from library grant approved. Fred will spearhead engagement. Construction: Planning boards needs to approve a field change to library’s plan next week, code permitting work, historical commission. 4 parking spaces. Will be signage/painting, eventually use chargers through an app. Will we need to address parking too long?
   c. Rozanna - Streetlight update
      i. Installation should be starting soon & complete by mid-March. We now own old fixtures & they will be disposed of responsibly. Streetlights in York beach won’t be updated to dark-sky compliant at this time. However, other lights are upcoming. Dean is concerned about public safety & how lightdiffuses with dark-sky compliant lights. Location-specific.
   d. Christine & Skip – Climate Action Plan update
      i. 4 consultants called, understanding strengths & expertise. Joined an ICLEI CAP cohort to better understand the pieces of designing a CAP planning process. All but 2 communities we interviewed had a taskforce. Show that we want good
community engagement on the plan. Some communities only have municipal department heads, others have community members. Climate council (broad representation) responsible for final cohesive strategy to governor, but strategies developed by 6 working groups. Replicate this? Get knowledge first, then write strategies. Nan: Get major stakeholders involved: Judd Knox, Chair of School Committee, Chair of Select Board, Michelle Surdoval, Head of Water and Sewer, Chamber of Commerce, fishing community. S. Portland model. Skip: Cambridge model: City department sectors compose the main group, with 4 working groups with community representation: equity, energy, transportation, waste. Each comes up with 25 action items, goes back to SC, negotiate & prioritize, and then give to the equity community to make sure that they are fair. Dashboard to see where they are at in real time.

ii. We need to have a staff member manage the consultant, so we will be delayed until we can get a staff person. Need to explain clearly for public since it’s new & unknown. Engage Steve Burns in taskforce process, can come up with a proposed structure, but become effective at a later date (once SC is on?). Forming a subcommittee to help design a taskforce: Christine and Skip will initiate an invitation. Good to have a firm idea, even if not decided.

e. Half vs full time position
   i. Budget committee compromised with select board for a full-time person half the year @ $55k. Improves support from both budget & BOS. Better to have it but later. Will push back the planning until January when the SC comes on. Want a full-time sustainability staff person as soon as possible after the May vote.

4. New Business
   a. Rozanna – Climate Council - Buildings, Infrastructure, Housing
      i. Upfront carbon vs. operating carbon emissions, carbon when things are built & transported. New initiative to cut carbon by addressing upfront carbon, using Maine products such as timber instead of steel. Wooden skyscrapers!
      ii. Embodied carbon in buildings – an opportunity to cut GHG

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