

Energy Steering Committee Final Report

Intended for:

- Selectboard
- Climate Action Committee
- Town Manager, Planning and other Town staff
- New residents
- General public

Tone: ESC has provided service to Town for 10 years, time to transition to CAC and convey our thanks to the many people who volunteered and collaborated on the work

Purpose: Historical record of accomplishments; institutional memory and insights for next phase

Report format: Ring binder + electronic file stored somewhere on web

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I. Introduction

II. Executive summary --max 4 pages summarizing 2009 - 2023

- A. Overview of history, charter, funding, major outcomes (positioned York as climate leader in Maine). Established 2009; voters ok'd \$100k/year for 4 years for municipal buildings energy efficiency;
- B. Climate plan esc history graph (delete comment about GHG inventory)
- C. Reflective: Work focus areas, process insights, learnings, what worked & what didn't
- D. Implications for next steps with Climate Action Committee, YRCA, others

III. Project Reports and Annul Reports

- A. Include selective slides from presentations
- B. 2009 Dark Sky ordinance
- C. 2010 Initial MACTEC municipal building study
- D. 2012 Weatherization of municipal buildings— Police Station/Senior Center, Village Fire, Beach Fire, Town Hall, Grant House, Public Works Garages, Pubic Library, York School Buildings
- E. 2010 – 2023 Database of energy use in municipal buildings – 10 years of kwh, gallons of oil etc
- F. 2014 Grant House pellet stove
- G. 2015 York Dialogues public forum
- H. 2014 YBFD solar

- I. 2015 YBFD retrofit
- J. 2015 LED Streetlights approved
- K. 2015 Liaison to Auditorium Committee
- L. 2016 LED Lighting Upgrades on municipal buildings
- M. 2017 *Keep York Warm* weatherization project with Habitat
- N. 2017 New Police Station design assistance
- O. 2017 Energy Chapter added to York Comp Plan – 86% vote
- P. 2017 LED Streetlight Project approved
- Q. 2018 York Energy & Sustainability Fair
- R. 2018 First Vista Volunteer, Lucy Brennan, launched emissions benchmarking
- S. 2018 Route One DOT Building LED upgrade
- T. 2018 Solar ordinance approved
- U. 2019 York weatherization program success mentioned on Efficiency Maine website
- V. 2019 LED Streetlight project vendor approved (again)
- W. 2019 Emissions benchmarking report to SB with recommendation to join Global Covenant of Mayors and create a Climate Action Plan (accepted)
- X. 2020 LED Streetlights installed. Climate Plan budget approved. Adhoc Solar Committee formed for solar array on Witchtrot Road
- Y. 2020 York liaison to Maine Climate Council Buildings Working Group that created *Maine Won't Wait* Climate Action Plan
- Z. 2020 Witchtrot Road lease approved by voters for solar (later halted by Covid)
- AA. 2021 York Climate Action Plan approved by voters – 70%
- BB. 2022 Model EV ordinance approved by Planning Board
- CC. 2022 Town Hall Building Committee efficiency design recommendations
- DD. 2022 IECC 2021 Building Codes (“stretch code”) approved for municipal buildings
- EE. 2022 Liaison with Library Building Committee, recommendation to engage an ESCO accepted
- FF. 2023 Recommendations for Climate Action Committee charter
- GG. 2023 Submitted first annual report on emissions to Global Covenant
- HH. 2023 Co-sponsored YRCA Climate Action Fair
- II. 2023 Supported YRCA’s application for Maine Community Resilience Grant

IV. Addenda

- A. Resources – contacts, ICLEI, other organizations,
- B. Committee members current and past
- C. Press articles
- D. Letters of support/thanks

ESC past members

Peter Ashley?

Jeff Beaudoin - first Chair of York Energy Efficiency Committee?

Eric Hopkins – 20008, started York Goes Green and recommended SB form an official municipal committee

Hilary Clark

James Clark?

Liz Kinzley

Stephen Kosacz

Deborah McDermott

Paul McGowan

Phyllis Newman

Cynthia Raymond

Chris Ring

Gerry Runte

Victoria Simon