

Meeting Minutes

York Maine Climate Action Committee

Date and Time

September 3, 2025, 6:00 pm

Location

York Library, Wheeler Room

Attendees

Members:

- Cornelius Murphy, Chair
- Roy Sieber, Secretary
- Garrett Bent
- Wayne Boardman
- Kiki Tidwell

Town Staff

- Taylor Maguire, Environmental Planner

Public

- Susan Covino
- Carol Libby, representing York Ready for Climate Action

Call to Order

Cornelius Murphy called the Climate Action Committee (CAC) to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the July meeting minutes, with edits: 4 in favor, 1 abstaining.

The August meeting minutes are still being prepared.

Agenda Items

York Village Fire Station Solar Project

The York Village fire station RFP and application for the sustainability fund are ready to be presented to the selectboard at the September 8th meeting.

Hannaford Drive Police Station Solar/Peak Load Shaving Project

Cornelius Murphy will continue to gather information from Maine Solar Solutions, and Taylor Maguire will coordinate with the police chief, working toward presenting a draft RFP for a solar/battery peak shaving project at the September 22nd selectboard meeting.

Witchtrot Facility Solar Development

The CAC discussed and offered comments on a draft request for information (RFI) for a potential solar development project at the Witchtrot facility. Cornelius Murphy will work toward presenting the draft Witchtrot RFI at the September 8th selectboard meeting.

The CAC will continue to work with town staff to develop a draft RFP to lease the Witchtrot site to a solar developer. The CAC discussed the need for the lease terms to provide some benefits oriented towards the Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals. The lease approach will be presented at a future selectboard meeting.

York River Salt Marsh Restoration

Wayne Boardman reported that a consortium of York Land Trust, York River Stewardship Committee, and the Maine Coastal Heritage Trust is undertaking a \$500,000 project to restore the salt marsh on the upper reaches of the York River. The restored salt marsh is anticipated to sequester a significant amount of carbon.

Future Agendas

CAC members recommended inviting the York Emergency Management Director, Nicole Pestana, to the next meeting to discuss planning associated with climate-related emergencies.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Prepared by:

Roy Sieber, Secretary