

City of Biddeford

Climate Change task Force

September 12, 2022 6:00 PM Council Chambers & Zoom

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Status: Climate Change Task Force 6:00-7:30PM in Council Chambers hybrid via Zoom

1. Member Attendance

Brad, Steve, Bev, Max, Meaghan, Jake

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

3. Staff Liaison Business

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8-22-22

[8-22-22 Climate Change.pdf](#)

CAP Cohort meeting with ICLEI and 4th Economy was well attended. Need to contact them to gain access to the project platform to continue to provide input.

Need to contact Karina Grater to confirm if the CAP Cohort kickoff on 9/28 is targeted at municipal staff. Also need to clarify how public can engage.

Steve was contacted by Tanya Rakowski who is working with downeast Maine communities on climate action plans. Would like to be able to reach out with questions during that process.

5. Old Business

5.1. Subcommittee Report-Outs

- 2022 Budget/Strategic Planning (Team: Brad, Meaghan, Steve)
 - Operating budget request update (Brad)
 - Intern request has been met with some questions and need to develop a specific scope for that position.
 - Next greenhouse gas inventory could be in 2023 based on 2021 data. Karina is supportive of this. Steve would prefer to wait until 2024 using 2022 data.
 - Meaghan suggests that it would be beneficial to do this sooner rather than later, due to uncertainties around future funding and activity by the BCTF, and also to establish a baseline to evaluate changes in Biddeford population.
 - Spring 2023 is likely the earliest to do the assessment.
 - Intern would be essential to pull this off given the amount of time necessary to complete the work.

- Intern would be instrumental in planning and implementing public outreach activities that can take months to pull together.
 - Budget will be available soon.
- Community Outreach/Social Media (Team: Tim, Nicole, Beverly, Max)
 - The committee discussed the need to bridge the information gap between the data heavy planning process and the personal connection to climate change for individual community members. What type of events could facilitate these conversations?
 - Photo contest/essay contest on personal impacts of climate change.
 - Establishing climate ambassadors in the community to help spread the word.
 - There is a line item for \$1,000 for promotional materials.
 - First public access spot release? (Brad)
 - Should be televised starting 9/13/22.
 - Post to the BCTF website.
 - Is it possible to pull shorter segments to share on social media?
 - Existing BCTF communication plan should be revised and improved to help guide next steps, with support from 4th economy. Could be modeled off of Falmouth and S. Portland plans.
 - There is some information available from community surveys that could be used to help guide outreach.
 - Outreach Events Update (Tim)

5.2. Regional CAP Cohort

- Second cohort training scheduled, Wednesday, September 14, 5:30-7:00 PM
 - Climate Planning 101
- Jim Bennett meeting re outreach protocol? (Brad)
 - Team discussion

5.3. Carried as open items (no current activity)

- ICLEI Race to Zero and City Endorsement to be presented to Council?
 - Will occur in October, 4th or 18th. Meaghan drafting the memo before next BCTF meeting on 9/26.
 - Will set the stage for no-cost actions that the city can take.

5.4. Membership-Team Discussion

- Meaghan has been contacting UNE staff to identify potential student participants.
- Kiara Frischkorn has been talking with Tim about what her involvement could be. She is interested in joining the task force and will submit her information to the Mayor for approval.

5.5. Guests-Team Discussion

- Jake offered to invite Jessica Brunacini from the Wells Reserve to speak about her work with residents of Drakes Island and Moody Beach in Wells on communicating sense of place through photos.

6. New Business

7. Adjourn