

City of Biddeford
Biddeford Climate Task Force
September 11, 2023 6:00 PM Council Chambers & Zoom
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Status: Biddeford Climate Task Force, Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approve Minutes**
 - 2.1. Approve Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2023
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- 3. Chairman Follow-ups/Updates**
- 4. New Business**
 - 4.1. Discussion of Strategies and Action Plans on Metrics
- 5. Adjourn**

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Climate Change task Force
August 28th, 2023 6:00 PM Second Floor Conference Room & Zoom

1. Member Attendance

- **Tim, Jacob, Kiara, Brad, Bev, Steve, Max, Ally, Bill**
- **Meeting commenced at 5:59 pm**

2. Guest Recognition & Presentations

- Betsy, Hills Beach resident and president of the HBA, attended the meeting to see what the task force was working on and express her interest in making sure the city prepares for climate change at Hills Beach
- Shelly, the city's DEI coordinator, attended the meeting to gauge how the climate task force's work can overlap with current DEI efforts

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

4. Staff Liaison Business

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

6. Old Business

Refinement of CAP strategies:

The task force reviewed a draft list of goals for each chapter of the climate action plan, providing rewording of draft goals and other input listed below:

- Bill suggested “foster energy efficiency programs and renewable energy initiatives that reduce vulnerability to volatile fossil fuel prices” as a goal for the Buildings and Energy chapter
- Jacob suggested “Improve walkability, bikeability, and public transit as alternatives to single-occupancy automobiles to improve safety and accessibility” as a goal for the Transportation chapter
 - Bill suggests making this the number 1 goal in the Transportation chapter
- Jacob suggested “prepare transportation networks and infrastructure for anticipated climate impacts” for the Transportation chapter
- Bill suggested adding food systems to one of the Land Use and Natural Environment goals:
 - “Encourage natural resource production to protect local food systems”
- Kiara says the goals for the Health, Safety, and Well-being chapter should talk about affordable housing
 - “Ensure community resilience to climate change through the expansion of public resources and affordable housing opportunities”
- Ally suggested “ensure Biddeford's city government has the resources and dedicated staff to address climate change effectively, efficiently, and equitably” for the Leadership and Capacity chapter
- Jacob suggested “engage community members of all ages, and regional partners to broaden the impact of climate actions for the Leadership and Capacity chapter
- Steve: the plan has to be short and sweet, has to be readable to both staff and public
- Jacob: we need to make sure the goals encapsulate equity
- The Task Force decided to put the creation of a climate adaptation committee and sustainability coordinator as the top two actions in the Leadership and Capacity chapter

Brad wil compile notes and send a new draft for the task force to review

Vulnerability Assessment:

- Final draft was published by SMPDC
- Review of assessment tabled due to lack of time. Brad asked task force members to email input to him or Karina

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm