

City of Biddeford
Climate Change task Force
May 08, 2023 6:00 PM Council Chambers & Zoom
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Status: Climate Change Task Force-Monday, May 8, 2023, Council Chambers & Zoom

- 1. Member Attendance**
- 2. Welcome Guests & Presentations: Kale Roberts, ICLEI**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
 - 3.1. Approve of Minutes from 4-24-23
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- 4. Additions & Amendments**
- 5. Old Business & Discussions**
 - 5.1. Discussion of Steve's Memo of April 27th
 - a. How are things going so far?
 - b. Guest speakers?
 - c. New members?
 - d. New sub-committee and subcommittee guidelines
 - e. Meeting schedule moving forward
 - f. Active vs Inactive members
 - 5.2. Report-out; Community Outreach Subcommittee (Team: Brad, Meaghan, Beverly, Max)
 - a. Tabling at Pollinator Festival, May 21st
 - b. Videos
 - c. Proposed summer programs and events (Summer Jam, Music Fest, etc.)
 - 5.3. SMPDC/ICLEI/Cohort Activities
SMPDC/Cohort Leadership meeting of May 1st-discussion (Brad, Meaghan, Steve)
 - 5.4. Recent Public Outreach Event Discussions (Team)
 - a. Photo Voice event kickoff (April 21) and feedback
 - b. Earth Day tabling event at MacArthur Library
 - 5.5. Open & pending agenda items
 - a. Draft Comp Plan-Meaghan volunteered to present to council when scheduled.
 - b. Climate Vulnerability Analysis-SMPDC/BCTF final review and edits (tentative end of May)
 - c. ICLEI Race to Zero Commitment-One High Impact Action to be taken in 2023 (pending completion of city budget plan)
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Adjourn**

Biddeford Climate Task Force
April 24, 2023
6 pm – Second Floor Conference Room

In attendance: Meaghan Daly, Bev Thorpe, Brad Favreau
Meeting opened at 6:05 pm.

With attendance low tonight, some conversation surrounded “fatigue” that might be setting in among task force members. Meaghan suggested sending a google form with a few questions about how things are going in the task force.

Brad asked if meeting just once per month might relieve fatigue among members. Meaghan and Bev believed that we should continue to meet twice per month.

This is a critical time in the work of the task force. We all need to put in effort as we move through outreach and strategy development for the final CAP.

Steve might have to speak to members to reinforce the importance of this stage of our work. Next meeting should be mandatory, and this topic addressed.

Perhaps adding new members is appropriate (Patrick Conlon was considered as a possible new member).

Brad discussed two speakers for upcoming meetings: Kale Roberts from ICLEI and John Hagan from our Climate Common. Next meeting is scheduled for May 8. Kale is tentatively scheduled for this meeting.

Meaghan suggested that moving forward, having guest speakers might not be the highest use of our time.

Brad told the group that two outreach videos have been shot, one with the mayor talking about climate change and the work the city has been doing and one with Bill Emhiser talking about the CAP work now underway.

Meaghan suggested that upcoming videos might feature the entrants to the Photo Voice contest.

The Photo Voice contest gallery opening was a success. If it were to be done again, perhaps using a different name than ‘Photo Voice’ might be more successful. How many people are familiar with the concept of “Photo Voice?”

The outreach survey is now live. Online version is available in five languages: English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Arabic. Zoe Miller has provided a draft press release and social media blurb. Brad and Danica will meet on Thursday, April 27 to promote the survey. It will run through May 19.

Brad will contact Karina Graeter to determine when the initial strategies will be presented to the task force and what the process or structure will be to select and prioritize the most appropriate strategies for Biddeford.

Bev suggested forming a second subcommittee to work through strategy development/prioritization. Meaghan agreed to speak to Council at the upcoming public hearing for the comprehensive plan. First reading will be held on May 16 and the second reading on June 6, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.