

Kittery Climate Adaptation Committee

Minutes

5:30 PM, October 1, 2019

Kittery Town Hall, Conference Room A

- I. Present: K. DeMarco; K. Fellows; N. Lovett; J. O'Connell; J. Spiller; M. Stites; C. Wake Guest; K. Johnson, Kittery School Department
- II. Approve Minutes – Moved K. Fellow, seconded N. Lovett. Unanimous
- III. What we think should be done to address issues: Personalize effects – impacts on your property; develop local travel infrastructure not reliant on autos; make information accessible to average resident; have a smaller carbon footprint; get people involved and focused on different areas; energy impacts of summer tourists versus those of us who live here year round; increase energy conservation, including no new natural gas hook-ups; electric buses; residents reduce energy use; encourage carpooling; develop curriculum in the schools; explore learning opportunities about energy and impacts with universities
- IV. Introduce New Member – Molly Stites, Traip Academy student, will represent the schools.
- V. Discussion – 2019 NH Flood Risk Report - Cameron provided an overview of the report. Much is applicable to Kittery, particularly coastal storms, sea level rise, ground water rise, increased precipitation. Storms surges. Flooding that impacts wells and septic systems. Frequency of high intensity storms and effects on life span of infrastructure. Sea level rise uncertainties – rate of melting Greenland ice sheet and West Antarctic ice sheet. Big question is tolerance for risk (likelihood and value/importance of consequences)
- VI. Survey – need to review with goal of having available on Election Day.
- VII. Communication Plan - coming
- VIII. Other
 - 2020 Sustainability Fellows – Cameron will submit proposal
 - CAC representation at Nov. election – need volunteers
 - Jan 19 Seacoast Environmental Film Festival
 - May 11-12 Climate Change Resilience - Local Solutions Meeting, Portland, ME need more info
 - IPCC Report (summary in Box)
- IX. Public Comment – Discussion about building more bridges with the Kittery School. Greenhouse gas inventory of schools could be led by Traip students.
- X. Next Meeting – Nov. 12, 5:30 pm.
- XI. Adjourn- Move by R. Ledgett, seconded by K. Fellows. 6:45 pm.