

Kittery Energy and Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes March 7, 2018 6 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jerry Robock, Julia O'Connell, James Pengold, Steve Bilski, Stephen Koczak, with guest Kristi Mathieson, Chairperson of the board of Kittery Community Center.

Jerry made power point presentation of options for a solar photovoltaic PPA system for KCC. Written information given to Krisit with follow up concerns to be arranged as needed. **A BIG thanks to Jerry** for his expertise and streamlined presentation. (It is hoped that the Maine legislature will expand the maximum number of virtual solar farm participants from 9 to 100.)

There is a Route 103 project to expand paths for cyclists. Peter Right is working with Kendra. He is not a town employee. James will follow up and report on progress on that project **Thank you James.**

It was unanimously decided to embrace a new more comprehensive name "Kittery Energy and Sustainability Advisory Committee" Also known as KESAC.

Website update:

Jerry continues to plans to update website and Suzanne Esposito, the town manager's secretary, will remove outdated items when notified.

Mission statement and Objectives need to be updated.

To enhance our presence in the local community social media will be used. Neal Lofgren has agreed to help with that.

Proposal to meet with groups of young people at Shapleigh Middle School and Mitchell Elementary School in Kittery to talk sustainability. Kill A Watt EZ Intertek could be lent out and results documented on feed back form Also they could self report on website.

National Drive Event September 9, 2018 at Kittery Farmer's Market Six electric vehicles will be on site to check out. **Thank you for setting this up James**

Stephen K. is contacting Kittery Trading Post and Central Maine Power about installing electric charging stations. **Thank you Stephen**

Jerry reported that he spoke with the town's assessor about their policy on residential property assessment of installed solar Photoelectric panels. The town has not decided what to do because they do not know if it increases the property value.

The final version of the towns Comprehensive Plan will be voted on in November 2018. issues to be addressed will depend on its passage; ie. Carbon neutral status, renewable energy promotions, anti idling ordinance (especially on Memorial Bridge, Sarah Long Bridge and the public schools), compost site at transfer station for revenue generation.

Making Kittery Beautiful and inviting

"Adopt A Road" signs are available for \$15 and DPW provides bags and sticks to clean up

Jerry has contact info for the sign maker.

Proposal made to provide Collection bins for plastic at area outlet malls.

Julia and Steve B. presented options for Entegritty wind turbine at transfer station. Discussion ensued.

1) move to a more viable site a) on town property, Boone Island, or Fort Foster or Wood Island.

This would necessitate an eval from the Army Corps of Engineers due to its proximity to the

water and also an on site wind data study.

- 2) Offer it to an educational institution for wind power technician training ie. Northern Maine Community College in Presque Island ,Maine, Prince Edward Island University Canada.
- 3) Offer to Star Island for their off grid energy needs to offset diesel use. This comes to about \$80,000 which includes shipping, resurrection and new infrastructure.
- 4) Sell for parts
- 5) sell for scrap Berwick Iron and Metal 207 698 9933 pays approx. \$120/ton and the tower weighs 4,920 pounds which comes out to approx. \$250
- 6) use as an educational tool for local students We could adopt the program used in Camden Maine.
- 7) Pray for a better option.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Julia O'Connell