

Kittery Climate Adaptation Committee  
Approved Minutes  
5 PM, April 30, 2019  
Kittery Town Hall, School Department Conference Room

I. Introductions

Present: Matt Brock, Debbie Driscoll, Kristina DeMarco, Ken Fellows, Steve Hall, Lise Laurin, Ron Ledgett, Nanci Lovett, Julia O'Connell, Judy Spiller, Cameron Wake

- II. Review Charge - Building town resilience to climate change; adopting energy efficient and cost effective strategies for energy efficiency; planning for the impacts of more intense storms, higher temperatures, and increased pest species all priorities in Comprehensive Plan, recently approved by voters.  
Interest in adding a Navy Yard representative to address preparations for sea level rise/extreme storm impacts and particularly on the base's hazardous waste site.

- III. Committee Function: decision-making (consensus unless disagreement, then vote; sharing information – committee decisions made in meetings, not over email, etc; subcommittees bring findings and recommendations to full committee, which in turn reports to Town Council; need to be aware of any conflict of interest; Committee subject Maine Freedom of Information Act – public proceeding if three or more members are present; need quorum for meetings; agendas and minutes need to be posted). Committee will share documents in Box.

IV. Election of Officers

Chair: Cameron Wake – unanimous

Vice Chair: Judy Spiller - unanimous

V. Set Priorities

Committee reviewed each committee member's areas of concern

Built and Natural Landscape

Sea level rise, including impacts of Greenland and West Antarctic melts

Extreme storms and high winds

Increased extent of protected wetlands with increased precipitation

Code changes to address septic systems with possible wetland expansion

Storm surges

Salt wedge impingement and impacts on roads

Changes in zoning/zoning maps

Changes to building standards

Impact on Town buildings, including wharfs

Ocean temperature increase's impact on fisheries

Predictive abilities: what and when

Identifying State funds to study and respond

Energy and Sustainability

Reducing emissions

Decreasing carbon footprint

Economic costs of reducing carbon footprint

Impact of increased energy costs (e.g. carbon tax and other adaptive responses) on poor

Determining energy efficiency payback

Increasing community transportation options and efficiency

Identifying State funds to study and respond

Health and Safety

Safety impacts of sea level rise and increased high intensity storms

51 Impacts on water quality  
52 Navy Yard hazardous waste site  
53 Expansion of pest species and disease vectors  
54 Expansion of invasive species  
55 Current Town emergency planning  
56 Food security issues  
57 Identifying State funds to study and respond  
58 Other  
59 Food security  
60 Economic impacts, including shifting fisheries  
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62 Subcommittee assignments:  
63 Impacts – Brock, Driscoll, Ledgett, Lovett, Spiller, Wake  
64 Energy and Sustainability – DeMarco, Duffy, Hall, Laurin, Spiller  
65 Public Health and safety – Fellows, O’Connell, Spiller  
66 VI. Next meeting scheduled for May 28 at 5 pm in the Kittery Town Hall  
67 Submitted by Judy Spiller