

Kittery Climate Adaptation Committee

5 PM, May 28, 2019

Approved Minutes

Kittery Town Hall, Conference Room A

- I. Roll Call: Matt Brock, Kristina DeMarco; John Duffy; Ken Fellows; Steve Hall; Julia O'Connell; Judy Spiller; Cameron Wake
- II. Minutes – Moved, Ken Fellows; Seconded, Ron Ledgett - unanimous
- III. Subcommittee Reports
  - Built And Natural Landscape Impacts – flooding focus with plan to conduct Maine Flood Resilience Vulnerability Index in fall; work with Southern Maine planning and Development for facilitation; day long or two half days event; need critical Town staff to identify knowns and unknowns; Cameron and Judy to meet with Town Manager to arrange staff participation. Review steps taken by other Maine and Seacoast communities; important to have Navy Yard involvement. Look at FEMA maps, etc.
  - Energy and Sustainability – Build Town capacity for transportation alternatives (user friendly map); Town greenhouse gas assessment/inventory: look at what York developed; identify opportunities to improve Town building insulation; review inventories conducted by other New England communities
  - Health and Safety - Key issues: identify habitats that support disease (mosquito and other pest vectors); impacts of heavier and more rainfall and storms in contaminating water (septic failures); electrical failure and food-borne disease; effect of extreme heat on children, elderly, immune-compromised, and others with chronic illness. NH has reviewed climate change and health effects. CDC identified Maine as one of 16 states for climate impact evaluation. CDC vulnerability index.
- IV. Other

Communicating our work. Successes – LED lights, local restaurant composting, Land Trust properties, but we can't claim success for those. Focus on savings in promoting changes in practice, not costs. Need to educate ourselves (information gathering on issues and what other groups are doing) and identify areas of vulnerability and opportunities for success. Identify grant writing opportunities.
- V. Next meeting – June 18 at 5 pm
- VI. Motion to Adjourn – Moved by Ken Fellows; seconded by Julia O'Connell - unanimous