

Town of Northport
Climate Resilience Committee
Minutes, Feb 13, 2025 11:00, via Zoom (due to weather)

2/13/25 Minutes

Next Meeting: Thurs March 13, 10:00 NVCO

Actions/next steps

- Sue send link to Eff ME presentation
- James check on May 8 as possible date for public meeting re: New Town Center
- Celine follow up with FB Environmental to learn about stormwater/vulnerability survey
- Molly continue to explore options for automatic energy tracking
- All: If someone thinks of a good resilience item for March newsletter, send it to James.
- Pat will take the lead on coordinating Northport Street Clean-up Day, working with James and Tinsley.
- Tinsley schedule next meeting at NVCO with Tish.

Updates:

- Waldo County Climate Action Committee

(Sue, John, Pat). WCCAC meets next on Feb 26th, no major items in the last meeting Focused on finding money to help folks in single-wide get heat pumps. Eff Maine says the heat-pumps for single-wides program is temporarily on hold but should resume. WCCAC is planning to take a lead planning for Earth Day. Our dues are paid.

- Shoreline stabilization projects status:

(James) We received a bill from Gartley and Dorsky for designing & permit for Bayview Park. We still have balance of \$15,000 in our CRP grant. We'll hear about the CRP application for Bayside Park in March. Kelly Cove remediation work (133K DoT funding): Gartley is working on finalizing drawings; the design will involve rip rap. Hopefully the McCrums will fill in the 75' gap on their property—they are considering it. We'll know more about the cost when the design is done. The town can't pay for work on private property; we discussed possible ways to facilitate their decision to do the work.

- Waldo County Hazards Mitigation Plan status

(James) Waldo Co FEMA met 2 weeks ago, just Nport and Freedom attended. 3 or 4 communities are still participating. Brooks, Nport, Freedom, L'ville.

- New Town Office/Community Center

(James) We should hear about our 2.3M from Congress in March. USDA says we can't do anything until the USDA money is in hand. We will still vote on the building in June with an upper borrowing limit, then put it out to bid in July. Sue mentioned info from Satchel at Eff ME, re: municipal funding and larger scale heat pumps; they are encouraging folks to upgrade before items are worn out. Sue will send link to a video of the Eff ME presentation

Committee goals for this year

- Public meeting about the new Town Hall/Community Center
Last year people wanted more time between the meeting about the Town Center and the annual Town meeting, so late April or early May? Thurs May 8? Involve Will (systems engineer) and Amanda (architect) Biggest concern is what the cost will do to property taxes. We can present a few scenarios.
- Town-wide stormwater survey and/or vulnerability assessment
Yes, let's keep this on the table. Celine can follow up next meeting?
- Utility/energy tracking?
We decided having the ability to easily analyze our energy use would be valuable for long-term planning, grant writing, awareness, if it is not too costly. Molly will continue to explore cost and options and present at the next meeting
- Outreach/education goals? (monthly newsletter item?)
Newsletter comes out the first week of each month – April will be about Clean-up Day. If someone thinks of a good resilience item for March, send it to James.
- Roadside Clean-up Day:
Decided this is important for us to do, we will take it on. A good opportunity to build community and awareness and communicate about the new Town Center. We've done it the first or second Sat. in May, not the same day as Belfast. Our first choice would be May 10th (2nd Sat). Pat will take the lead to coordinate, working with James. Tinsley will support
- Funding for shoreline stabilization?
On hold, waiting to hear.
- Next CRP grant?
Table to later; not posted yet.
- Geographic representation on the Committee and public engagement
Table to next meeting, how to generate more geographically diverse participation in our committee.

New information / ideas:

- Do we want to take on (sponsor?) the roadside cleanup this year (James)
(See above)