

Town of Northport

Climate Resilience Committee

MINUTES March 13, 2025, 10:00, NVCOffice

NEXT MEETING: May 15, 10:00, NVC Office & Zoom

PRESENT: Susan Conard, Tinsley Morrison, James Kossuth, Patricia Gladding, Molly Schauffler, Celine Bewsher, John Kruger

Updates: (Actions in red)

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 - Hand-outs about new Town Building project (Molly).
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- **Shoreline & stormwater:** Celine: G&D is working on permitting for Bayview Park work, Engineering is done, design is finalized. Still waiting to hear about funding from CRP. Estimate is around \$100,000. Auditorium Park: design had to be changed due to complications
Still waiting to hear from the State re: funding for Bayview.
FB Environmental re: townwide vulnerability survey, Celine is still trying to connect.

Current Business:

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- **Energy Tracking:** James and Molly will run final approval by the Select Board on Monday to set up initial accounts with MPO's Energy Intelligence Suite for electricity, propane, oil tracking, and solid waste and recycling – for up to 10 free accounts.
- **Town Office:** We discussed at length the Town's current situation and options for funding the new Town office, given our loss of the \$2.3M Federal earmark and current

economic uncertainties. Key take-aways to bear in mind for our April 30 Public Meeting: People will mainly want to know about the cost and how it will affect their taxes. Questions will be asked about the viability of other options, such as adding a Town office onto the back of the school, or just adding on to the current building, or buying an existing building somewhere. James explained that, because the warrant needs to be firmed up very soon, the bond question will be on the warrant as planned for voters to approve or not. If it isn't approved, we will weigh Plans B, C, D, etc. **Public meeting about the new Town Office project will be on Wed. April, 30 at Drinkwater School, 6:00.** (Open at 5 for set-up)

Things to prepare for April 30:

- Possible scenarios for tax increases under different bond options. How will it affect my taxes?
- Rationale for not pursuing fixing up the old building
- Responses to suggestions re: other alternatives
- Potential cost to remediate the old building to re-insure (as a stop-gap)
- More concrete info about possibility of purchasing (e.g. at Pt. Lookout or Alpaca).
- More refined numbers re: expected energy-use in the new building

Outreach:

- **Annual Town Report:** Draft a committee report for the Annual Town Report. **Sue will make a first draft. John will provide a paragraph about our participation in WCCAC.**
- **April newsletter:** **Sue will send a blurb about the May 17 Clean-up Day to James for the newsletter.**
- **Climate Resilience Website:** Keep this on our list of outreach goals
- **Geographic representation on the Committee:** no action for now.