

Northport Climate Resilience Committee

Minutes

Friday February 13, 2026, 1:00 pm
Northport Town Office

Present: Sue Conard, Pat Gladding, Tinsley Morrison, Shelley Fein, Steve Fein, Molly Schauffler, James Kossuth

1. Updates:

- a. Waldo County Climate Action Committee: No update
- b. Solar project: James reviewed grants for the project: Hopwood Charitable Trust was submitted 1/30/26 (\$20,000), and Maine Community Foundation for array internet connectivity submitted on 2/11/26 (\$1,250). The next CRP grant is due in June (\$75,000). Schauffler reported that we have \$19,500 in pledges so far for the \$23,500 installment due at the end of March.

2. **CRP Grant Award: Compost Pilot and Stormwater Assessment:** Discussed timeline and strategy for implementing our Compost Pilot. (CRP awards will be publicly announced at the end of Feb). After discussion, we decided the following:

Timeline: hold our Annual Spring Town Gathering to introduce the Composting Pilot on Wed April 29, 6pm at Drinkwater School.

Strategy: Our goal is to recruit at least 75 participants in the two-year pilot. The first 75 participants will get a countertop container and a scrapdogs 5 gal bucket. We discussed how trash pickup at Bayside works, and strategies for engaging seasonal residents, especially renters, to collect compost, and how to address facilitating transport of Bayside compost to the Transfer Station. Perhaps engage youth somehow?

We approved the participant commitment form that Tinsley drafted, with edits.

Next Steps for Compost Pilot:

- Tinsley will finish the commitment form, and design a large poster, a flyer, and an 18x24 aluminum sign for the Transfer Station. We can have the poster and info at Roadside Clean-up Day and at Spring Gathering.
- James will talk with Bill Paige re: how to make composting work for Bayside.
- James will invite Scrap Dogs to our April 29 Spring Gathering.
- Molly will ask Marnie Reeve if she has ideas about how to coordinate with Bayside Overseers (or would be willing to be a liaison).
- For publicity, James will draft a press release to issue in mid-March. Tinsley will get testimonials from those who already compost with Scrap Dogs. Molly will pull together baseline data about Town waste volumes.
- Molly reported that Karen Gleeson is willing to help recruit and hand out buckets at the Transfer Station when we do that, and that Celine Bewsher is willing to coordinate participation with Drinkwater students.

3. **Roadside Clean-up Day:** We decided on **Sat. May 9 for Roadside Cleanup**, 9-12. Pat will coordinate along with Tinsley. Sue will ask Emily from Indivisible about where we can get safety pinnies and will follow up with Pat. Pat will line up trash bags from Hammond and inquire about food from Scone Goddess and Spark Bagel and will bring water jugs.
4. **Annual Spring Town Gathering:** We decided on **Wed April 29, 6pm Drinkwater School**, to update residents on all that's going on and ask for input. This will be our 4th one. We discussed what to include at the Gathering,
 - a. Display the Town Vulnerabilities map, w/updated info
 - b. Composting info, forms, and buckets
 - c. Review the Compost Pilot and solicit participants, presentation by Scrap Dogs
 - d. Review the Townwide Stormwater Assessment, presentation by FB Environmental
 - e. Maine Engineering Team present their project in Temple Heights
 - f. Break-out tables to discuss vulnerabilities and visions, respond to MCoG survey questions?
 - g. Updates and check-in: shoreline stabilization, Town Hall update, Solar array update, promote Roadside Clean-up Day on Sat May 9.
 - h. Refreshments - pizza, (bake sale?)... Water jug and paper cups (Pat?)
5. **Shoreline stabilization:**
 - a. We briefly discussed Temple Heights UMaine Student Team (MC&SOS) project design; James has responded and will invite them to present at our April 29 gathering. We will apply for a Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund grant (due late March) to fund this work.
 - b. James reported that the Student Team meets weekly at 5:00 to work on the Temple Heights project; anyone can attend by Zoom.
 - c. Bayside Park work is going out to bid soon.
6. **Resilience Committee webpage:** we agreed this is a good task for a summer intern. Tinsley has a thumbnail plan for a webpage, and can suggest a possible back-up person if our intern doesn't work out.
7. **Midcoast Council of Governments (MCoG) Community Economic Development input survey:** We briefly discussed some of the questions, then decided it would be a great exercise for the Spring Gathering. It's not due until May (?). Discussed education priority, and wondered if the Town could expand our Cobe scholarship warrant to include trade school education, not just college.
8. **New business** None.
9. **Next meeting:** Wed. March 11, 9:00 am Town Office
10. **Adjourned:** 2:10 pm