

Northport Climate Resilience Committee

Minutes

Wed. March 11, 2026, 9:00 am

Northport Town Office

1. We welcomed Skye Butterson-Dunn from the Island Institute's Energy Navigators Program. She briefly described the Energy Navigators

2. **Updates:**

Waldo County Climate Action Committee – no update

Shoreline stabilization updates (Kossuth): Temple Hts. design by UMaine students is in process, Bayview Park design is approved and ready to go to bid: Kelly cove is done.

Town Office-Community Center update: (Kossuth) The Town is buying the lot next door, closing is Apr 3. Discussing changes in plans with architect and engineers.

Solar project funding and timeline: (Kossuth) We have all funding needed thanks to an anonymous Northport donor. SunDog Solar can do the installation in late spring/early summer. Kossuth is meeting with SunDog, CMP and PUC to resolve the location. Butterson-Dunn described options and programs/

3. **Next CRP Partnership Grant:** The Committee discussed options for [Round 7 now open](#), due June 5, 2026) We discussed two possible threads raised by Conard and Steve Fein:

(Possibly short-term) How to support increased energy conservation by Northport residences. Discussed connecting residents with opportunities such as basic/low-level household energy audits, Window Dressers, Efficiency Maine rebates, energy coaching, bulk purchasing strategies. What percentage of our housing stock is substandard? Are incentives needed to help folks follow through? Discussed ways to determine need. Butterson-Dunn mentioned that South Thomaston used a Service Provider to do an assessment, perhaps MCoG for us?

(Possibly longer-term) Increase energy efficiency at Drinkwater School and at the same time provide learning opportunities for students. Information needed: Are the school administration and teachers interested to explore energy efficiency opportunities further? Butterson-Dunn suggested Maine Green Schools – she will send information to Bewsher.

4. **Round 6 CRP Grant** next steps: Preparation for Composting Pilot is on hold pending official announcement. Discussed possible need for extra incentives for signing up, like some free dump stickers. Morrison will draft a pre-survey to gauge interest and need. Stormwater Assessment Planning is also on hold.
5. **Spring Workshop** to be on April 29 (6pm Drinkwater School). Agenda items can include kick-off for the Compost Pilot, Introduce Stormwater Assessment with FB Environmental (both assuming funding comes through); UMaine Capstone students present their Temple Heights shoreline plan; Topic for Round tables could be MCoG Community-Development-Needs [Survey](#) and/or next CRP7 grant project re: energy efficiency for residences and school
6. **Spring Roadside Clean-up:** Gladding is on track w/ pinnies, and food contributions from Spark bagel and Scone Goddess; Tinsley is designing posters, Bewsher is talking with school and teachers.

7. **New business**

Schauffler reported on the ecoMaine field trip in January, and an option to visit our recycling hauler, DM&J, in Winterport after mud season. Anyone interested should let her or Marnie Reeve know.

Kossuth reported on a request from Friends of Sears Island for our committee to have a table at their Earth Day Celebration Environmental Fair Saturday, April 18, 2026. The Committee declined the invitation.

8. **Next steps:**

Committee members are to sketch out planning ideas for engaging residents to improve energy efficiency in homes where most needed, and at Drinkwater School. Send ideas to Schauffler who will compile and synthesize for our next meeting. [Link to G-doc for ideas](#)

Gather information about scope and cost of energy audits, strategies for identifying target residents who could benefit, how Energy Coaching works, and determine interest and need at Drinkwater.

9. Next meeting: April 8 9:00. Adjourned.