

Energy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Town Office or on Zoom @ 4:30 pm

Minutes

Attendance: Victoria Boundy, Yvette Meunier, Victor Langelo, Nick Whatley; Nancy Chandler;
Staff - Skye Siladi

Guests: None

Agenda

Invitation for Public Comment - None

Approval of [2-27-24 meeting minutes](#) Nick moved to approve, Nancy 2nd

Old Business:

Update on survey responses

School survey vs Topsham survey:

MTA did a similar survey with minor tweaks. 139 responses; 70-80 were students. The school opened it for two weeks and then closed it.

181 responses so far to our survey, as of today. We will have it open until Town Meeting, 5/22/24.

Public Outreach Updates

Nancy outreach work:

Emailed or visited two trailer parks (Harold's Homes on Old Augusta Road and Topsham Mobile Home Park on Lewiston Road). At Harold's Homes, everyone pays in person and the manager will distribute surveys and flyers to residents. She hasn't yet been able to reach Topsham MHP but she has emailed them.

Senior Housing. Knocked on the door of Westrum House and talked to someone there. River Landing on Elm Street - she put the poster on a notice board.

John Hodge is mailing flyers to 15 residents in Topsham Housing.

Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program. John brought flyers there and Yvette will ask MCHHP if there can be more follow-up with their constituents.

The Committee looked at the list of places where posters were dropped off, and grabbed more to put up in other places.

Yvette on path, discuss tabling items for transfer station event (3/30, 10-2). Discussed putting up posters at the Transfer Station where people can identify (through stickers) what they think is most important to address in the CAP.

The Committee talked about doing an FAQ based on aggregate input from the survey, e.g. Is this work causing our taxes to increase? Skye offered to help put this together.

New Business

Brunswick CAP event update from Nancy

Nancy attended a Brunswick Climate Action meeting in the junior high school auditorium. There were about 150 people, there was food, a short presentation, and then people moved around the room to tables highlighting different topics (public health, food systems, etc.). People identified desired actions with stickers.

Ideas for this Energy Committee:

- Cater a meal, get sponsors like Whatley Farm, Wicked Joes and others.
- Discuss \$2,000 allowance for public outreach expenses: materials, food, stipends

How to reach the Topsham Pond fishing meet-up? Other outdoor sports clubs?

Intern assistance

Data entry for hand done surveys

Survey data analysis

2nd Invitation for Public Comment - still none

Victoria voted to adjourn, Victor 2nd. Adjourned at 5:47.

Reference items:

[community engagement plan.](#)

[outreach contact list](#)