

Energy Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 25, 2024  
Town Office or on Zoom @ 4:30 pm

Committee members present: Yvette Meunier, John Berry, Nancy Chandler, Victor Langelo, Victoria Boundy.

Others: Skye Siladi, Planning Director; Izzy Gale, Intern from Bowdoin College; Meg Rasmussen, MCOG; Julia Maine, FB Environmental

Invitation for Public Comment - none

Approval of [5-28-24 meeting minutes](#); Victor, Motion to approve; John 2nd, AIF

### Old Business:

1. CAP Public Workshop #1: discussion with consultants
  - a. Schedule & [agenda](#): Julia went over schedule and agenda. Yvette, Meg, Jessica, and Skye all drafted an agenda for the workshop. This one is focused on the vulnerability assessment (mostly built infrastructure, but also considering natural resources); the fall workshop will focus on action planning. The final workshop will include final presentations.
  - b. We will be going beyond desktop assessment and working with the community to verify and ground-truth this assessment, as well as to understand how residents and others are planning for vulnerabilities.
    - i. 20 min - background introductions, goals of workshop, how info will be used, and meeting logistics. Skye - will outline what the town has already done. Jessica and Julia - why we're doing this and what the VA and SV are.
    - ii. Breakout activities (50 min.). Meg will be MC/timekeeper. Room will be broken in half - one activity focusing on social vulnerability assessment; one with Julia on infrastructure vulnerability assessment. Then the groups will switch activities
    - iii. 3rd activity: Center of room where people can participate quietly on their own by providing information on worksheets. One sheet asks how we can make Topsham more resilient and the other is a long priority list of activities (sheets that we have used in our tabling events).
    - iv. Wrap-up (20 min): Meg will lead this and do a Mentimeter activity (interactive voting activity). The goal is to talk about what people's hopes and visions are. The idea is to end on a hopeful note, and transition into discussing the next steps of the project.

Questions:

- Question from Julia Maine: Have you considered inviting town staff, e.g. Brunswick Topsham Water District? (Staff is very busy so Skye will give an update on behalf of other staff.) Selectboard members should all be invited by the Energy Committee. Victoria asked about other committees: Victor will share with the Conservation Commission; Skye will send out to other committees.
- Victor asked the team about how or if they will incorporate the survey results. Jessica will incorporate social vulnerability related responses. Victor will send survey results to the team (e.g. graphics).
- Skye asked if we want to present on the survey results at the workshop. Consensus was yes - let's show them that we got a good response and we will be using the input we got moving forward.

## 2. Public Outreach Updates

- a. LTE - Nancy drafted one and it will go in Times Record on 7/16 and the Cryer in early July. We will also put a postcard in the Cryer.
- b. Library Birthday Party tabling
  - i. Well attended event. Yvette had non-stop conversations for two hours. Handed out many Save the Dates and hung a poster. She passed out many postcards.
- c. Facebook posts - Victoria shared two ideas for a series of posts:
  - i. Survey results - a few posts. Highlights of the survey results, e.g. 'xxx% of respondents were most concerned about xxxx. Come find out more at the upcoming workshop.'
  - ii. Teasers about the workshop - food, raffle tickets, meet your neighbors
  - iii. Send a photo with text to Skye, and when we want it posted. She will give the posts to Pam. Keep the posts friendly and neutral.
- d. Posters - Yvette recruited volunteers to put up the new posters advertising Workshop #1.
- e. Tabling
  - i. Folks will table on 7/13 at the Transfer Station. Yvette will enter this information into the [CAP Outreach Doc.](#)
- f. Email invite for Community Conversation (Community Workshop #1): The committee reviewed this [letter](#) drafted by Yvette. The Town will send this out to the survey and event contact list. The group made some minor tweaks to the invite. Yvette will send it to the Selectboard members. Skye will send it to town committee members.

2nd Invitation for Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn: Victoria motioned, Victor 2nd, AIF. The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.