

Energy Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
Town Office or on Zoom @ 4:30 pm

## Minutes

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

Guests: Meg Rasmussen, MCOG; Jessica Brunacini, CBEP/MSG; Ryan Holmes, Selectboard

Invitation for Public Comment: None

Approval of [1-23-24 minutes](#).

Victor - 1st; Jon - 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF

## MCOG Update: GHG inventory & Kickoff mtg w FB

MCOG and the town had their kick-off meeting with FB Environmental. There will be three community meetings, the first in July, to get local knowledge and concerns. The second will be in October to talk about climate actions. The final will be in January 2025: Compiled info gathered at other public meetings and display of findings and actions that have been prioritized will be presented for public feedback.

Information will continue to be uploaded to the Google folder.

2021 will be the baseline year for GHG data because this is the year that most of the data is available for. There was some discussion about the school district and whether the district office next to the junior high school should be included as it's not within town control. Victor: it was included (with other schools that are in Topsham) in the municipal inventory last time. Meg suggested she'd like to take the district (tracking) out as the municipality doesn't have control over it. The municipal is a subsection of "community." Hopefully we will have an appendix that includes school district data. Fire Dept. will be included as part of the municipal offices.

There is a protocol that we are using that Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission used for their work in inventorying GHG emissions. A lot of towns are using this method.

Yvette noted that Jessica Brunacini is on the call. Jessica's approach toward social vulnerability will be more qualitative so more aligned with our public outreach plan than with the vulnerability assessment.

## Old Business:

### **Public Outreach Plan - next steps:**

Yvette pulled up the [Community Engagement Plan](#) that Meg created. It needs some actionable items – who is responsible, deadline, etc. There is also a [Word document](#) that the EC worked on that lists potential audiences, venues, etc. Yvette created a [CAP outreach document](#) to pull some of the elements together in more of a calendar type format. Victor will create a reference sheet or somehow link them together.

Nancy: Authors Times Record pieces – whenever we need coverage we can send it in.

**Survey Launch:** We should have an official launch. We created a small ad for the Topsham Cryer (April edition) and a full size flyer that can be printed to post at town buildings (municipal office, library, etc.) or can be shared via email. Skye will send the ad to Pam to get to the flyer by March 15. Victoria will upload the flyer and ad to the Drive for people to use. The Highland Green newsletter comes out the last Friday of March -- John will give them the flyer.

General outreach: We discussed and added some tabling opportunities and outreach venues to the CAP Outreach document.

Social Media: A Facebook post has been created (to be posted on the 1<sup>st</sup>). Victoria started a [document of social media posts](#) (content that is ready to go so that we can stay on peoples' feeds) for people to add to or comment on.

[Topsham and Climate photos folder](#): Please add any good impact photos or other community photos. We can use these photos for social media, flyers, community meetings, etc.

**Update on electric school bus:** Yvette has been in touch with transportation director; Superintendent is pretty certain this will make the budget.

2nd Invitation for Public Comment: No members of public

Motion to adjourn: John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Victor. AIF.

Reference items:

[community engagement plan.](#)  
[outreach contact list](#)