

SOUTH THOMASTON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Sunday, April 7, 2024 @ 2:00pm
GILFORD BUTLER COMMUNITY CENTER
SOUTH THOMASTON, MAINE

Facilitator: Neil Cambridge

Recorder: Nancy Goslin

Attendees: Neil Cambridge, Pennie Alley, Nancy Goslin, Sally Merchant, Denise Rzeznikiewicz, Ray Martin

Guests: Meg Rassmusen, Sondra Wallace

- I. Call to order at 2:01pm
- II. No adjustments to agenda
- III. Review and approval of prior (03/24/24) meeting minutes
- IV. Sundog update installation planned April or May - no updates
- V. Formalizing Committee and orientation docs - no updates, Ray and Nancy
 - A. Clarification on # of committee members (currently up to 11 members?)
 - B. Number for a meeting quorum?
 - C. Mission statement
 - D. What community resilience committee is
 - E. Organizational structure
 - F. Background info on current committee members
 - G. Outcome
 - H. Focus
 - I. Recruit new members and associates
 - J. Wes to become official member - need Selectboard approval and oath
- VI. Other committee considerations
 - A. Climate action plan done by June 25, 2024?
 - B. Sally and Sondra are on Knox County Conservation Commission
 - C. Professional (physical and social data) of environmental and social assessment to determine most vulnerable in community
 - D. Rockport identified hidden needy
 - E. St. George community assessment plan

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- F. Island Institute grants
- G. Other grants - Community Heart and Soul
- H. Neil reported on Freeport-Yarmouth shared sustainability coordinator - GPOG-CAP
 1. Adopt climate action plan (CAP)
 2. Hired by town for 20-30 hours/week with benefits
 3. Scope of work
 4. Develop climate action plan
 5. Informs community
 6. Grant acquisition
- I. Address hidden needy population - Sondra
- J. Window Dressers insulation inserts - individual cost is expensive, (\$36 to \$87 each insert or up to 10 free per year if qualified thru public assistance programs such as LiHeap, SNAP or Food Pantry)
- VII. Next phase and assignments
 - A. Final Survey results were #1 Sea level rise and #2 Personal energy cost
 1. 69 responses
 2. 15 volunteers interested in becoming committee members
 3. 42 interested in the survey results
 4. 33 interested in information of committee activities
- VIII. Sally and Neil contacted Nick of Sundog - no suitable connection to phase three electrical power at Sally's property
- IX. Update on collaborative grant with St. George
 - A. Only one community action grant available per round of grants (shared or individual town)
 - B. Meg shared how both could be achieved
 - C. Maine Council of Governments (MCOG) has mapped culverts, greenhouse gas emissions, population density
 - D. Use business plan analogy - CAP

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- E. Printing, engagement materials
- F. Identify focus and scope of work
- G. St. George to vote on shared coordinator at 4/24/24 town meeting
- H. EAP
- I. Kickoff meeting w/ St. George
- J. Government Information Mapping (GIM)
- X. Additional assignments of actions
 - A. Neil to check with Bar Harbor thru Nick on their solar installation cooperative and scope of project
 - B. Theo to research sea level rise projections and mitigation thru NOA
 - C. Ray and Nancy to construct committee structure and info
 - D. Next meeting 04/24/24
 - E. Neil to contact St. George Resilience Committee for updates and invite to next meeting
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm