

SOUTH THOMASTON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 2:00pm
GILFORD BUTLER COMMUNITY CENTER
SOUTH THOMASTON, MAINE

Facilitator: Neil Cambridge

Recorder: Nancy Goslin

Attendees: Neil Cambridge, Kathleen Florance, Pennie Alley, Nancy Goslin, Sally Merchant, Theo Pratt, Wes Pratt, Ray Martin

- I. Call to order at 2:06pm
- II. No adjustments to agenda
- III. Review and approval of prior (02/25/24) meeting minutes
- IV. Current Business
 - A. No update from Sundog
 - B. Survey update, 56 survey responses analyzed thru Gemini AI
 1. Question #4 responses
 - (1) Sea level rise
 - (2) Flooding other than sea level rise
 - (3) Cost of energy
 - (4) Environmental impacts of energy use
 - (5) Transportation
 2. Feedback on coffee chart results
 3. No response from email sent to Selectboard by Neil re sharing grant writer with St. George. STCRC to move forward to a combined meeting date with ST. George Community Resilience Committee
 4. Other concerns and discussion
 - a) Theo discussed concern re S. Thomaston emergency plan, recommended book *World Made by Hand*, by James Howard Kunstler

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- b) Ray and Wes discussed how local fisheries have been affected by recent storms and climate change - loss of oyster fishing
- c) How town is affected by climate change/storms, extra debris at stump dump, etc., - Pennie

V. Next phase and assignments

- A. End date for completion of surveys is 4/1/24
- B. All STCRC members to complete survey
- C. STCRC members to forward email, phone, etc., contact info to Kathy
- D. Continue to distribute surveys to Town Office, Post Office, GBCC Library, exercise class, Historical Society and on town Listserv - Pennie, Kathy
- E. Arrange combined meeting with St. George Community Resilience team to optimize resources and time with shared grant - Neil
- F. Continue exploring other funding possibilities - ME Community Partnerships, Service Provider Grants, EPA, FEMA, FED energy, BRICK - Neil to email
- G. Followup with Sundog to visit Sally Merchant site for potential solar site - Neil
- H. Discuss how to fund, create, and manage additional solar grid
- I. Plan community discussion of survey results at Peoples United Methodist Church (PUMC). Possible coordination with Conservation Committee cleanup date for Earth Day, 4/22 - Pennie to contact PMUC for available date and time
- J. Kathy noted that the Historical Society was having a speaker from the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association May 9th

VI. Next meeting 03/24/24

VII. Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm

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