

Resiliency Committee meeting minutes 9/6/2023

Attending: Jennifer and Dan (by zoom), Richard, Van, Leticia, Meg and Susy (IRL)

One addition to Richard's agenda made by Dan regarding changes to the Conservation Commission's page on the town website.

Regarding the Green Energy Tour: There were 25 to 30 people at several of the sites although Richard did not have that many at the library EV charger station. Revision and Sundog did well and were a good addition. Dan says there are photos on the St. George website and one negative comment stating that the person feels that people who can install solar drive up delivery rates for everyone. Most reports were very good. There was a consensus that doing it again could be good, perhaps in July next time and with different sites. If we do we'll have folks sign in so we get an accurate count of attendees. Richard also reported that we can track how many people use the EV charger at the library. Anne Cox was unable to attend this meeting and sent the following report.

From my point of view, as a site, it was great, a good length of time. We had a steady stream of visitors. A vital part was having a representative from ReVision here who could talk with folks about the process of installing solar, etc. Having the identifying street signs helped, I think. Seeing actual installations I believe was more helpful than if there had been just a central gathering for folks interested in information.

Maybe having a handout from Efficiency Maine would have been a nice thing to answer questions about what sorts of rebates there are.

Regarding the Sebago Charettes: We will need to establish our priorities out of the extensive list from Sebago. Then we can choose to work on these items, but would more likely make a list of recommendations for the Select Board and to include in the town's comprehensive plan. Port Clyde will require quite a lot of work on both the roads and a number of commercial properties (ie: the co-op) and we could recommend that a planner be hired to do a study of the needed work and then an engineering study, establishing costs and possible sources of funding. Many grants are available now and for the next five years or so and the town will need to work promptly to successfully apply for those. The next round of MCOG grants are in the spring and we should be ready. We can determine what needs to be done now and what are long term projects. Then the community needs to be engaged and that engagement must be documented. Sebago will provide visuals for the town showing Port Clyde and Drift Inn along with, we hope, possible solutions which could be a range from retreat to adapt. We will need to have a public meeting regarding the roads (which do not require a professional planner) shortly after the Sebago presentation. Our immediate end goal is to make recommendations to the Select Board by the end of 2023. Meg will help Sebago create a public meeting for presentation of their visuals as well as a presentation to the Select Board. **All committee members should plan to attend both of these.**

We spent a little time discussing what SLR numbers were being assumed. Sebago assumed 6 feet of rise by 2050 and 11 feet of rise by 2100. Maine DOT is currently using 4 feet by 2050 and Meg feels that will need to be updated.

Dan and John Meyer are working to make the Conservation Commission webpage more consistent. They wanted to clarify that the ad hoc Sea Level Rise committee has morphed into the current ad hoc Resiliency Committee and we all agreed that that was true and appreciated Dan and John's work.