

GROWTH PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Minutes October 20, 2020

Attendees: Dan Saunders, Paul Hogan, Jim McMann, Jim Fitzgerald, Werner Gillam, CEO,  
Janet Powell

Absent: Mike Corsie

Guests: Liz Durfee and Tom Morgan

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Dan Saunders, Chair.

The minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2019 were approved. Still to be approved are the minutes of October 6, 2020 and October 20, 2020.

There was no mail to review.

Tom presented a summary of Chapter 10, Energy. His Power Point highlighted the fact that this chapter is a new addition to the town's Comprehensive Plan. In order to remain consistent with the community's broader goals, it is essential that we examine the conventional means of sourcing and consuming energy and compare it to the more available sustainable sources that will reduce GHG. Also imperative is raising the town's awareness of new State policy initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and aligning the Comprehensive Plan with them. The State of Maine is on track to have a Climate Action Plan in December of 2020.

The main topics contained in the The Energy Chapter include Maine's.....

1. Energy Sources/ What is available vs.
2. Maine's actual consumption
3. Fuel used to generate electricity
4. GHG
5. Maine Policy Initiatives
6. Emission goals
7. Our renewable portfolio
8. Solar
9. Wind
10. Local opportunities and benefits of increasing our use of sustainable energy as a community

This final slide on Local Opportunities initiated a discussion on a range of topics relevant to the upcoming TCP's community outreach in 2021, Kennebunkport's vision of modeling and facilitating its residents' access to sustainable energy.

This list includes but is not limited to:

1. Zoning for high-density housing and mixed use
2. Reimagining the traditional Neighborhood that offers easily accessible services to residents and encourages pedestrian traffic
3. Requiring LEED certification of commercial development (comments included the idea of proposing the same for residential development) Wermer added that since Maine revises the State Building Code every two years, he anticipates focus on improving ERV systems for fresh air exchange and moisture control efficiency
4. LED street lights
5. Incentives for Solar Panels. This topic led to an animated conversation about the current vulnerability of our electricity delivery due to infrastructure issues and the many benefits of initiating a town solar farm. Locations discussed were the Decommissioned Town Dump on Goose Rocks Rd and the abundance of privately owned acreage in the town, that while unsuitable for development or farming, provide ample space that could be leased for installation of solar panels.  
Additional discussion included potential incentives for residents to encourage installation of more cost effective and more efficient heating and cooling systems.
6. Charging stations currently available in town are located at the North Street Fire Station and at a number of private hotels and inns, for guests only. Looking ahead, the town could consider installation of one or more Third Tier charging stations to attract daytrippers who would benefit from shorter, faster charging options while in town.

The next GPC meeting will be held via **Zoom** on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

The next Chapter for review and discussion on 11/17 is **Chapter 7 Water Resources**

With no new business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Powell