

**Wiscasset Climate Action Team (WCAT) Meeting Agenda
December 19th, 2024, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Location: Wiscasset Town Office meeting room and Zoom (meeting info below)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of November 21st meeting notes (see attachment)
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (members of the public are limited to 5 minutes each for remarks)
4. Town climate and energy updates
5. Proposed joint climate workshop with Select Board: agenda planning discussion
6. Work Group updates: work group chairs to provide any recent updates on their activities
 - a. Pleasant Street Extension updates
 - b. 2025 Earth Day Celebration updates
 - c. Lecture series topics discussion
7. Next Meeting Agenda Discussion
8. Adjourn

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Final notes

Wiscasset Climate Action Team (WCAT) Meeting Agenda October 23rd, 2024, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Wiscasset Town Office meeting room and Zoom (meeting info below)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order -Cassy, Leslie, Evan, Pat, Terry (Zoom) 6:03pm
2. Approval of August 28th meeting notes (see attachment) - 4-0-2
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (members of the public are limited to 5 minutes each for remarks) -no comments
4. Proposed joint climate workshop (informal roundtable conversation) with Select Board: timing and agenda discussion
 - a. 2nd of December, Dec. 10th
 - i. invite other town committees
 - ii. Terry: this is an off week for the Select Board
 - iii. Leslie: want to work closely with waterfront
 - b. location: check into the Community Center, Terry will check on their schedule
 - i. Evan will check on this: backup location could be the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission if the Senior Center is booked
 - c. Cassy to follow up with Sara to ask her about scheduling this and the format. Cassy to also ask about public engagement.
 - d. agenda discussion:
 - i. education on climate change impacts and solutions
 1. severe weather events in country and locally
 - ii. WCAT progress this year:
 1. Waterfront resilience grant
 2. Support for other grants and public engagement
 - iii. WCAT climate priorities (informed by the February municipal climate resolution)
 - iv. Present summarized public input we received on top climate priorities last year
 - v. What feedback the SB has for our committee, how we can be most helpful -what priorities do they think we should focus on?
 - vi. Ask other committees -what would they prioritize, how can we collaborate with them?
 - e. invites:
 - i. town committees
 - ii. public works director, Ted Snowden
 - iii. wastewater treatment plan
 - iv. public mailing list?
 - v. Emily of LCPDC
5. Waterfront Resilience Project update and public engagement discussion
 - a. RFP going to SB for approval first week of Nov.
 - i. community outreach: we'll have a more detailed discussion about the community outreach plan

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- ii. articles: Heather (attending) is interested in supporting us with writing some articles about climate change
 - 1. Cassy: this could dovetail with the public climate lecture series we've talked about.
- iii. public lecture series:
 - 1. Leslie: early January makes a lot of sense with the holidays and people's schedules. Start to reach out to people, and aim for monthly lectures.
 - 2. Locations: town meeting or community center
 - a. Evan: state of the Sheepscoot event last month was great, could invite Midcoast Conservancy to speak
 - 3. Potential speakers:
 - a. local experts, Earth Day Celebration speakers
 - b. GMRI, Island Institute, other nonprofits
 - c. state agencies, e.g., Governor's Energy Office
 - 4. topics:
 - a. Cassy: want to start with basics of climate change.
 - b. Leslie: including an example of climate change impacting our area in every lecture would be great
 - c. Pat: make sure people can relate to this, not too high level, tie to things that people experience.
 - d. Terry: run all these ideas by Sara so she knows what we're thinking about, and see what she thinks about it.
 - 5. next steps:
 - a. Cassy to convene committee members for a working session to identify a schedule
 - b. Leslie can reach out to Earth Day Celebration 2024 speakers about availability for a speaker series in next 6 months
- b. CAG for phase II of waterfront resilience project -deadline Dec. 15 (?), town staff requesting our support in writing.
 - i. Cassy: Leslie, was Lisa willing to lend a hand with proposal writing? Leslie will check.
 - ii. Heather also volunteered to help with writing
 - iii. Cassy to touch base with Aaron and connect the writing team with him on deadlines and next steps
- 6. 2025 Earth Day Celebration: initial planning discussion
 - a. All committee members agreed that it would be great to hold another EDC next year. Saturday April 26th
 - b. ideas:
 - i. get 2-3 food trucks -Evan will start looking
 - 1. Cassy will send Evan contact info for Shannon at Treats
 - ii. kid-friendly activities
 - 1. Heather's daughter is happy to advise us on fun stuff
 - iii. bike rides
 - iv. Talk with other town event planning committees

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- v. vendors (Pat) - give them an opportunity to speak about what they work on? they could help advertise, etc. Pat is willing to take point, with support from other committee members
- vi. no talks this time
- c. Next steps:
 - i. Cassy will reach out to Wiscasset Creative Alliance
 - ii. Evan will reach out to food trucks
 - iii. Pat will further develop his idea about vendor talks
- 7. Work Group updates: work group chairs to provide any recent updates on their activities
 - a. Town updates:
 - i. [Energy Efficiency Planning for Rural Communities](#) - Wiscasset applied, this project would support 6 buildings.
 - ii. Town is working with Johnson Controls now on new heat pumps throughout the town office building.
 - iii. [Town of Wiscasset](#) was one of six communities selected to participate in the [Maine Community Energy Redevelopment Program](#) for redevelopment assistance.
 - b. Cassy commends the town on moving these projects forward
 - c. Evan: the town now has a GIS mapping platform, you can zoom in on properties and get information.
 - d. Leslie: on the Pleasant Street Extension, a call is scheduled next week with Rebecca Lincoln of Knox-Lincoln County Soil and Water Commission, she's sharing a design and ideas for public engagement and outreach.
- 8. Next Meeting Agenda Discussion
- 9. Adjourn, 7:06pm

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Attendees: Cassy, Evan, Marty, Pat, Terry, Leslie and Jan (absent)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order, 6:06pm
2. Approval of October 23rd meeting notes (see attachment) -4 voted to adopt our minutes
 - a. Pat would like to correct item 4F
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (members of the public are limited to 5 minutes each for remarks)
 - a. a young member of the public requested for 30 summer vacations per week
 - b. committee members commended the heat pump in the meeting room
4. Town climate and energy updates, Aaron Chrostowsky
 - a. Aaron brought a handout
 - b. Ongoing energy efficiency updates:
 - i. heat pumps have been installed in the municipal office building, plan to install heat pumps and LED lighting in the Scout Hall for a training and meeting facility.
 - ii. town has awarded an architect to do a facilities needs assessment on the municipal building and community center.
 - c. The town has applied for energy efficiency planning for rural communities assistance, a technical assistance program from Maine Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future that would include an energy audit for up to 6 town-owned buildings, training, and the development of an energy conservation implementation plan.
 - i. Cassy submitted a letter of support for this application
 - ii. Aaron shared that WCAT was mentioned by the town in the grant application as a town group that could assist with community engagement.
 - iii. Marty asked about whether this assessment might look into renewable energy; Aaron shared that this project would just look into the energy and water consumption needs.
 - iv. Marty also asked about the Johnson Controls proposal (which did not proceed) and Aaron said that he was not involved with this project and didn't have the details.
 - d. Offshore Wind Farm Interconnection Site
 - i. The town could potentially negotiate a host town agreement, Aaron would like to be ready for that eventuality and it would be helpful to educate residents about why this is an important project to support and address myths and rumors about offshore wind.
 - e. Maine Community Energy Redevelopment Program
 - i. Wiscasset was awarded technical assistance from the Maine Governor's Energy Office to participate in this program; Aaron shared a description of

the town's participation in this program, which is posted on the town website.

- ii. A stakeholder meeting workshop for this project was held on November 12th with nearby property owners, a member of the planning board and WCAT, member of the Select Board, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission. The workshop aimed to come up with a vision for the 2 properties being studied by the project, Old Ferry Road and Birch Point.
 - iii. The town encourages people to check out the town website to track updates on this project; a public meeting will be held in December or early January 2025.
 - iv. The town recently received ARPA funds to do a master plan process for the Old Ferry Road property, and Aaron hopes that this would be a green community.
- f. Town of Wiscasset special town meeting on December 3rd, appropriating funds for the relocation of the wastewater treatment plan to match funds to the \$4 million Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund received by the town. Funds would come from undesignated town funding. Ultimately the town hopes to pay for the majority of this project through grant and other funding.
- i. Aaron shared that WCAT's support is appreciated for this important project.
 - ii. Cassy asked how the town is advertising the special town meeting - it has been advertised in the local newspaper, Facebook, and town website.
5. Work Group updates: work group chairs to provide any recent updates on their activities
- a. Discussion about creating a weatherization subcommittee or energy efficiency - Marty requested a discussion.
 - i. Marty: given that the town has applied for energy efficiency planning assistance (EEPA), a subcommittee could assist with public outreach for that project. Marty shared a few ideas that he has shared with the Select Board and town staff in the past as context. Pat has also agreed to be involved.
 - ii. Cassy was interested in hearing what activities Marty has in mind for the subcommittee.
 - 1. Marty said that he'd like to hear if the EEPA project yields results and then make recommendations in response
 - iii. Cassy asked if Marty would like to wait to create the subcommittee until after the EEPA is awarded - he recommended proceeding with creating the subcommittee and utilize the recommendations of the Johnson Control project to springboard with energy efficiency projects that could proceed now.
 - iv. Evan moved to create the subcommittee, Pat has seconded.
 - 1. Aaron requested that a strong 1-2 sentence description of the mission of the subcommittee, e.g., come up with discrete recommendations for municipal operations. Also adding a deadline for recommendations.
 - 2. Evan would recommend advancing publicly available programs like from Efficiency Maine with residents.

3. Cassy recommended that Pat and Marty come back to the full committee with a 1-2 sentence mission.
4. Aaron recommended that the full committee keep working on our committee's mission in partnership with the Select Board, building on public input and priorities to ensure that our subcommittees are in line with the overall committee's mission.
- v. Vote on creation of the subcommittee: 4-0-0
 1. we're going to hold on further work until after the joint climate workshop in January
- b. Community Resilience: Waterfront Resilience Project
 - i. RFP for the CAG project is public to find a firm; it closes on [DATE]
 - ii. Pleasant Street extension -Leslie, who isn't here, is working on some communications materials to share the new design. We'll circulate that design soon with committee members.
- c. Lecture series
6. Proposed joint climate workshop with Select Board: timing and agenda updates
 - a. Terry, Cassy, Leslie, and Jan met to discuss a more "listening session"
 - b. Terry will share thoughts and Aaron would share a template for the creation of the economic development committee.
7. Next Meeting Agenda Discussion: December 19th, 6pm, town office
 - a. Concrete plan for the joint climate workshop
 - b. 2025 Earth Day Celebration
 - c. Lecture series
8. Adjourn 7:11pm

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