CLIMATE CHANGE STEERING COMMITTEE - MINUTES



Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 288 Central Avenue

Meeting Date: September 15, 2014

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Goldman, Nicole Andrews, Malone Cloitre, Anne Kotlus, Brenda Davidson, Isaac Epstein, Cora Quisumbing-King, Gretchen Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Keeley, Amanda Stone, Steve Bird

1. Introduction of members

Bird, Keeley and Stone welcomed everyone to the meeting and members introduced themselves.

2. Purpose & Goals of Assistance Program and Examples of what other towns are doing with this assistance (Chris Keeley and Amanda Stone)

Stone reviewed the program and described the Coastal Viewer. It is a community driven process to raise awareness of impacts from climate change. A world café process is used that is now called the climate café process. Four workshops are held through the process. The first workshop has a scientific presentation from Cameron Wake of UNH. The audience is split into three groups to brainstorm on three topics: people, infrastructure, and natural resources.

Keeley described how the process has worked in other communities in the seacoast and what they focused their efforts on.

3. Recap of MIT Role Play Simulations and where it left off (Steve Bird)

Bird reviewed the completed MIT project briefly.

Introduction to proposal submitted (Steve Bird)

Bird described the proposal that was submitted and how it relates to the MIT project and an ongoing flood education project the Planning Department is working on.

5. Develop Scope of Work and discuss goals, timing, participants, etc. (all)

Keeley discussed the scope of work and described the project goals.

6. Next steps: set general schedule for workshops and steering committee meetings, set first workshop date and assign tasks to promote first workshop (all)

The dates for the workshop were discussed and October 21st was settled on if the McConnell Center cafeteria was available that date. The date of the next Steering Committee meeting was discussed and the date of November 5th was selected. Various ways to publicize the workshop were discussed.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.