



TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE Agenda

Thursday, February 16, 2023

**4:30PM via Zoom or in person Town Meeting Hall
Masks are not required at this time**

Zoom Link to Meeting:

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Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes January 19, 2022 Meeting.

2. Update on Climate Task Force and new Community Resilience Grant for the Town
3. Brian Henkel / New Public Works Director to meet with Sustainability Committee
4. Continue to Discuss/Develop EV Charging user policy
5. Main Street EV Charger update/ Site evaluation/development for EV Charger Seal Hbr. from Community Resilience Partnership grant.
6. Earth Day Event at College of the Atlantic / Volunteer to Host Table
7. Work with ACTT/Seal Cove Auto Museum to organize EV Forum
8. Continue how the Sustainability Committee can be involved in Community outreach to help implement goals of the plan.
9. Otter Creek Inner Harbor Study and welcome members of the Otter Creek Community to follow through on next steps, goals and actions
10. Update Community Resilience Partnership Grant/ ICLE Climate Action task force will recommend to the BOS to join ICLE & Efficiency Maine free scoping audits of the Mount Desert Elementary which are at no cost.
11. Follow up with conversation with Board of Selectman regarding joining a Solar farm in the interim until a Town owned project is proposed and completed. Discussion of pros and cons
12. Continue discussion on New Solar project:
 - A. Otter Creek Pump Station site
 - B. MDES Roof
 - C. Bus Garage / Highway Garage
13. Continue the discussion of the Committee's recommendation to the BOS to create a new position for Sustainability Coordinator, volunteer or intern
14. Create a simple guide for residents about Efficiency Maine and local ACTT programs, for air sealing, heat pumps, EV vehicles and other

energy saving steps for homeowners. Discuss program started by the city of Bangor to fund energy savings for low income residence.

15. Charge Point/January 2023:

Month	Session	Income
January	3	\$22.44

Proposed Next Meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4:30 PM at Town Meeting Room / via Zoom

Goals for the Sustainability Committee:

1. How to Reduce or Modify Energy Consumption for Town of Mount Desert Infrastructures including the following Town owned Buildings:
Town office, MDES, Wastewater Treatment Plants, Highway Garage/Bus Garage, NEH Marina and Visitor Center, Fire Houses

- A. Lighting/Heating/Cooling
- B. Exterior Lighting / still drafting outdoor lighting standards ordinance
- C. EV Charging Stations
- D. Solar Power Purchase agreements / Solar farms
- E. Input on designs for new buildings or upgrades
- F. Energy Audits

2. Town owned Vehicles:

A. How to reduce Energy usage and purchase EV or Hybrid including the following:
Dump Trucks/Plow vehicles, Garbage Trucks, School Buses, Police Cruisers, Small Pick-up Trucks used by the Marina, Code Enforcement/Accessing

3. Planning Board:

- A. Create Sustainability/Green Building standards for new construction or renovations
- B. Outdoor Lighting Ordinance article was pulled from this year's Warrant due several issues.

4. Solid Waste

- A. How to Reduce tonnage to Fiberight
 - B. Encourage use of composting
 - C. Encourage restaurants to create less packaging for to-go foods & drinks
5. Work with other area Municipalities to share resources and possibly a shared Sustainability Coordinator