



## **TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

**Thursday, February, 17 2022**

**Town Meeting Room and electronic**

**Northeast Harbor**

Members Present:

Phil Lichtenstein, Chair

Dennis Shubert

Sydney Roberts Rockefeller

Johannah Blackman

Kathy Miller

Gordon Beck

Guest: Naomi

Meeting convened at 1630

1. The summary of the most recent meeting is in progress and not available for review
2. The Chair started the meeting by recognizing the authors of the Town's Climate Action Plan for the quality, substance, and organization of the Climate Action Plan consisting of the summary, the detailed plan and detailed action steps. Later in the meeting after discussion the group agreed that ACTT delivered as contracted and beyond.
3. ACTT presented the plan in overview and addressed concerns about the public's ability to digest and support the plan. In summary each person will pull out of the plan details what they need and communicating the messages in the summary is beyond the plan itself. Comments were made expressing full support for the strategy of the plan but concerns about tactical details. The Chair pointed out that this is the initial plan and as data and technology evolve actual midrange tactics will likely evolve or change significantly. A participant expressed their concern that the plan was insular and urged considering solutions that extend beyond the Town and the island of Mt Desert. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously supported to urge the Board of Selectmen to approve the three documents as the Town's Climate Action plan and obtain a minimum of 20 hours of administrative

support and leadership to implement the plan in the 22-23 fiscal year.

4. The committee was informed that the electric vehicle charging station intended for the parking lot adjacent to Knowles Real Estate is in the town's possession and will be installed as the renewal work proceeds.
5. The committee agreed to continue to meet at 4:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Next meeting therefore is March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.