

# Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board: Agenda 6/13/2022

Location: Town Hall 7:00 PM

## Zoom Meeting Information:

When: Jun 13, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: 061322 FSAB Meeting

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• **BEGIN MEETING 7:00 PM**

• **APPROVE MINUTES:** 5 mins

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** To approve the Minutes of 5/23/22 ( / )

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** ( Yes) ( Nays)

• **DOWNTOWN VISIONING ACTIONS:** 20 minutes

**Info needed on top two choices for spreadsheet by June 23:**

*updates since last meeting, next steps, resources needed (and potential sources), estimated timeline (1year?, 2years?, 5 years?)*

**\*\*TREE TASK FORCE: (DVA 5.5 Increase tree canopy downtown by planting more trees along Main St and side streets)**

**\*\*TRANSPORTATION (DVA 5.11 Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled):**

Discuss exploring a free, one-year electric scooter pilot program, such as one being implemented in Old Town:

<https://bangordailynews.com/2022/05/18/news/bangor/old-town-electric-scooters-joam40zk0w/>

• **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP June 22 workshop:** 45-60 minutes

-Finalize language for Draft Municipal Resolution to be brought to the town council for eventual passing for grant program. **This must be done during meeting time.**

-FSAB assistance with the self-evaluation checklist

• **LECTURES / EVENTS:** 10 minutes

**JUNE 24th: Sustainable Seafood** in association with Freeport Oyster Festival with Barton Seaver and Emily Selinger. **At LLBEAN Discovery Park.** 5:30 start, record and broadcast later. Flyer is ready.

**•POSSIBLE 2022-23 TOPICS:** 10-15 minutes

**-PUC Community Forum** (From Melanie Sachs) - Deirdre Schneider who is the legislative liaison for the Public Utilities Commission. The PUC Commissioners are embarking on a series of community forums and Melanie as a member of EUT, thought it a great opportunity to hold one in Freeport. Their topics can include the transition to beneficial clean electrification, rates, accountability work, etc., and there will be a Q&A session as well.

**-EPR Bill** - Vanessa Berry NRCM on importance of recycling & new EPR law

**-Gulf of Maine Research Institute new Climate Center** - Howie has spoken with them and thinks they would provide a really interesting evening based on their work and involvement with the coastal community. Susana has connection to Director

**-Clothing, Textiles, and Sustainable Fashion-**

**-Benefits of tree canopy and indigineous planting (APRIL or MAY?) (in conjunction with Arbor Day proclamation, fruit tree planting?)** - to bring awareness of the specific findings of the tree survey, collaboration with Maine Forest Service, and TTF's charge to move forward with those recommendations. It would open the door for private landowners to support/assist in increasing the street tree canopy. Possible guests speakers: Kim or other rep from MFS / maybe Lucy Birkett and/or Wild Seed Project (Howie's daughter!)

**-Food Waste & Composting (late MAY or beginning of JUNE?) (Usually when compost bins arrive)** - Susanne Lee- the Mitchell Center (UMO) will be speaking about food waste and composting. Garbage to Gardens (free compost event?)

**ADJOURN BETWEEN 8:30 and 9:00 PM: MOVED AND SECONDED: ( / )**

## Sample Municipal Resolution language

Instructions: The following language is provided for the municipal resolution. The three preamble and resolution sections on this page are required. Municipalities may select from and modify the optional preamble on statements on the following pages and add other statements as desired.

### REQUIRED STATEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Freeport has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held a community workshop on 6/22/22 which prioritized the following action areas: [[list 2-6 actions](#)];

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Freeport commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town of Freeport designates Caroline Pelletier, Town Planner, to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership;

## OPTIONAL PREAMBLE STATEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Freeport experiences flooding, intense storms, drought, high heat emergencies, and other natural hazards and seeks to better prepare for future conditions;

**WHEREAS**, planning for community and infrastructure resilience will protect people, preserve businesses and the local economy, and reduce the impact and costs of natural disasters;

**WHEREAS**, investing in energy efficiency and weatherization improvements is proven to lower municipal electricity expenses and make buildings more comfortable for employees and visitors;

**WHEREAS**, transitioning municipal fleet vehicles to electric vehicles lowers fuel and maintenance costs and reduces the uncertainty of variable fuel prices on municipal budgets;

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf of Maine is warming 99% faster than other oceans around the world, and ocean acidification and warming ocean temperatures pose a serious economic and cultural risk to Maine maritime industries, heritage, and tourism;

**WHEREAS**, shifting seasonal temperature and precipitation patterns threaten local natural ecosystems, economic activity such as agriculture, tourism and outdoor recreation, including winter sports and other outdoor activities], and public health due to increased incidence of heat-related illness and tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Freeport is prepared to demonstrate leadership in reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the resilience of people, infrastructure, and businesses;

**WHEREAS**, addressing climate change will present economic opportunities for the [Town/City of...] as well as opportunities to invest in the public good and cost-saving practices;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine's four-year climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*, seeks to put Maine on a trajectory to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045;

**WHEREAS**, achieving these emissions and resilience goals will require Maine to act with urgency to slow the causes of climate change and prepare people, communities, and the environment for climate-related impacts to come;

**WHEREAS**, the Community Resilience Partnership provides grants to municipalities and Tribal Governments for activities that lower energy expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience in alignment with the state's climate action plan and goals;