



North Haven Community Priorities Climate Working Group

Objective

The purpose of the Climate Working Group is to assess the current status of progress toward climate action and environmental sustainability on the island and identify, prioritize, and implement actions the Town and Community can take to increase overall resilience through adaptation and mitigation strategies that reduce the impacts of sea level rise and climate change.

Structure

9 member Working Group

Timeline

October 2022 – April 2023

Goals

The Climate Working Group (WG) will work collaboratively with the community to achieve the following goals:

1. Complete a Community Resilience Self-Evaluation and review a List of Community Actions to assess the Town's existing climate action progress.
2. Using a predetermined List of Community Actions, prioritize actions that the Town wants to pursue.
3. Working with Rick and the Select Board, choose one or more Community Actions to implement. (Examples of potential actions: conducting an energy audit of Town properties; installing energy efficient lighting and heating; assessing risk to community infrastructure from sea-level rise and climate change.)
4. Hold a public meeting or workshop(s) during which the identified Action(s) will be discussed.
5. Facilitate the Select Board's adoption of a Climate Resolution.
6. Ensure implementation of chosen priority or priorities: Apply for a Community Action Grant to implement the chosen priority or priorities (up to \$50k) in March 2023. If a grant is not awarded, determine other ways to fund implementation.
7. Because the Community Resilience Partnership is ongoing, determine next steps, including ongoing role of the Working Group and how to address the next priority or set of priorities identified from the List of Community Actions.

Roles & Responsibilities

Climate Working Group – Community liaisons and representatives; responsible for participating in meetings and workshops: doing pre-work, providing insights, experience, and input regarding data and solutions; helping to solicit community input and bring diverse voices to the conversation; and to present findings and recommendations to the community and Select Board.

Gabe McPhail – Process facilitator and service provider; responsible for enrolling North Haven in the Community Resilience Partnership, writing a Community Action Grant, and North Haven vision and values alignment

Mia Colloredo-Mansfeld – Will provide perspective regarding alignment with other priorities (Housing, Workforce and Economic Diversification) and North Haven's vision and values; will provide assistance with community outreach

Rick Lattimer – Select Board Liaison; will participate in conversations and decision-making; will provide perspective regarding alignment with other Town priorities

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Monthly Meeting Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84550560424>

Meeting ID: 845 5056 0424
Phone: 1 646 558 8656

Meeting Agenda & Notes
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O8cWl6qCE9ezrb4_RDhuGrP39PDY6SY1gXLlZ-MexfE/edit?usp=sharing

Google Drive Folder
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O8cWl6qCE9ezrb4_RDhuGrP39PDY6SY1gXLlZ-MexfE/edit?usp=sharing

Climate Working Group Plan of Work & Timeline

Unless otherwise determined, meetings are held via Zoom

2022

SPRING

Meeting 1: Introduction

Thursday, May 26, 5-6pm

Overview of Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) and proposed working group process

FALL

Dates TBD

Community Learning Opportunities:

SLR 101 and Adaptation Strategies

Climate Science and Mitigation: GHG Emissions Reduction Strategies

Planning for Coastal Resilience: Model Coastal Ordinances and other Municipal Tools

Meeting 2: Identifying Hazards and Assets

Monday, October 17, 4-5pm

Review work plan; Identify climate hazards and community assets

Pre-work: Review 72 Priorities List, identify areas of interest, compile questions; Self-evaluation part 1 (self-evaluation team only)

Meeting 3: Identify Impacts

Monday, November 7, 4-5pm

Identify impacts of hazards to assets; Present 72 Priority questions

Pre-work: Review 72 Priorities List, identify areas of interest, compile questions; Self-evaluation part 2 (self-evaluation team only)

Meeting 4: Assess Vulnerabilities

Monday, December 5, 4-5pm

Assess vulnerability and risk; Respond to 72 Priority Questions; Discuss Municipal Resolution

Pre-work: Prepare for community workshop; Self-evaluation part 3 (self-evaluation team only)

2023

Meeting 5: Prioritizing Actions

Monday, January 9, 4-5pm

Choose draft priority actions; Review self-evaluation; Discuss Municipal Resolution

Pre-work: Prepare for community workshop

Date TBD

Climate Priorities Community Workshop

Meeting 6: Refine Prioritized Actions; Define

Community Action Grant

Monday, February 13, 4-5pm

Finalize priority actions and determine Community Action Grant Proposal; Review and finalize Municipal Resolution

Pre-work: Review Draft Community Action Grant Proposal

Date TBD

Select Board Adopts Municipal Resolution, Approves Community Action Grant Proposal

Meeting 7: Community Action Grant

Monday, March 13, 4-5pm

Review Final Draft of Community Action Grant; Discuss next steps: work plan and sustainable path forward

March 20

Enroll in the Community Resilience Partnership Submit Community Action Grant

Meeting 8: Next Steps

Monday, April 5, 4-5pm

Define a sustainable path forward

Meeting 9: TBD

Monday, May 8, 4-5pm

Tools and Resources

Maine Climate Science Dashboard

<http://climatecouncil.maine.gov/maine-climate-science-dashboard>

Maine Climate Council Four-Year Climate Action Plan

<http://climatecouncil.maine.gov/>

NOAA Sea Level Rise Viewer

<https://coast.noaa.gov/slr/>

MGS Coastal Hazards Data

<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/hazards/coastal/index.shtml>

US Climate Resilience Toolkit

<https://toolkit.climate.gov/>

Northeast Climate Resilience Toolkit

<https://toolkit.climate.gov/regions/northeast>