



TOWN OF KITTERY

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Climate Action Committee Agenda

January 07, 2025

5:00 PM

Minutes

Hybrid Meeting – Town Hall Conference Room A & Zoom

1. Welcome
2. Present: Celeste Bragg, Ken Fellows, David Gibson, Erin Kempster, Nanci Lovett, Roland Scott, Judy Spiller, Cameron Wake. Kendra Amaral, Town Manager, Max Zakian, Town Planner.
3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes – Moved K. Fellows, seconded C. Bragg. Unanimous.
4. Priorities for 2025: Coastal Hazard Zone Ordinance: Reviewed latest draft; needs further refinement (Kendra and Max will address); discussion about justification for 2' freeboard and base flood elevation; raising structure by proposed 2' will not affect height limit. Max and Kendra will address; community outreach with affected parties as key audience; information sheet. Discussion about flood insurance: required for mortgage; does raising home result in lower insurance rate. Discussion about what constitutes substantial alteration. Ordinance needs a glossary. Remove flood plain from ordinance. Creates confusion. Need expert review.
Began review of draft FAQs. Keep focus of Town helping people stay in their homes. 2' freeboard for example buys time. Septic and well issues will come up. Should we keep focus on manage for or manage and prepare for. Simpler to keep manage for with the 2050 horizon.
5. Updates from Storm Response and Preparedness in Working Waterfront Communities: Dec. 5, 5-7pm KCC:
<https://seagrants.umaine.edu/workingwaterfrontstorms/>: Nanci attended and has resource handout. Judy will distribute. Covered challenges in raising funds to preserve working waterfront in a timely way: need rapid response fund; State forming Office of Community Affairs to assist with resilience issues; Kittery pushing to amend legislative charter of Land for Main's Future to help with coastal acquisitions (working waterfront).
6. Other

7. Public Comment

8. Next meeting: February 7, 2025 @5:00 pm

9. Adjournment: Moved C. Bragg; seconded D. Gibson. Unanimous. 6:32 pm.

Approved: 02.04.25