

City of Bath Climate Action Commission – Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: City Hall Auditorium

Attendees: Amilia, Megan MP, Nancy, Ruth, Kristna Evans, MaryEllen, Paul, Rod, John, Abbey, Laura, Connor, Jean G

1. Introductions

We did a quick round of who we are/who we represent

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Note taker:** Connor
- March 6, 2025 minutes approved unanimously (Nancy moved, Megan seconded)

3. Climate Action Plan

a. Outreach and Education Discussion (John):

- Reviewed stakeholder spreadsheet and identified 4 outreach priorities.
- Agreed to focus on key committees and departments.
- Discussed forming a subcommittee or scheduling a joint stakeholder meeting facilitated by the Strategic Planning Committee
- **Action:** Add this outreach strategy to the Strategic Planning Subcommittee agenda.

b. Community Engagement (Paul):

- Ideas for broader outreach: ward meetings, churches, BCTV, etc.
- Discussion emphasized balancing city actions with community involvement and outreach.
- Paul, Nancy, and Rod to follow up on actionable next steps.

4. Energy Subcommittee Update (Connor):

- Drafted documents to facilitate Resilient Bath Efficiency Fund:
 - Resolution to create the **Resilient Bath Efficiency Fund**
 - Background sheet for council
 - Program guidelines
 - Draft application
- Goal: Provide rebates for residential energy efficiency upgrades.
- Proposed funding: city appropriations, grants, and 50% of municipal efficiency savings.
- Discussion around clarity of funding sources and making resolution language council-friendly.
- Motion (Nancy): Connor, Laura, Misty, and Mark to refine resolution.
 - Second: Ruth. Approved unanimously.
- Aim: Present to City Council on May 7.

5. Communications & Engagement (Rod):

a. E-Demo Day (Nancy):

- Date: May 17
- Coordination with Rocky's, EV display (GreenWave outreach), bike repair event, poster design underway.
- Gabby's deadline for promotion: May 5.

b. Climate Emergency Prep Recap (Rod):

- March 12 event had good turnout; Chief Booth participated.

c. WindowDressers (Paul):

- 100 new inserts and 40 rewaps; partnership with Brunswick likely needed.

6. Climate Policy & Legislative Engagement

a. Climate Superfund Presentation (Andrew Blunt, Sierra Club):

- Goal: Hold polluters financially responsible.
- Paul moved to endorse council review and possible support; Ruth noted it had been discussed previously.

b. Council Recommendation Strategy (John):

- Proposed sending a memo covering key state/federal actions (e.g., net energy metering, offshore wind).
- Suggests packaging policy actions into one memo for clarity.
- Concerns raised about communication between committees and prioritizing high-impact items.
- Motion (Laura): Send edited memo to Council.
 - Second: Nancy. Approved unanimously.

7. Updates (Rod):

- Skipped due to time constraints (Annual Report, Grants).

8. Other Business / Public Comment

- Cruise ship workshop and McChesney letter: skipped.
- GHG chart (Susan Dublin): Effort acknowledged; may be added to the resources page.
- Mary Ellen: Will attend next meeting.

At the End:

- Motion to adjourn: Nancy.
- Seconded: Nancy. Approved.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 1, 2025 – 4:30 PM – City Hall Auditorium