

MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA 1/24/2020
4:30PM TOWN HALL – ROOM TBD

1. Roll Call

Meeting called at 4:30PM. In attendance: Councilor Golieb (Chair), Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Stratton, Councilor Madore, Chief Worster, Public Works Director Ralph Soucier

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

3. Special Presentations/Guests:

1. none

4. Discussion on Enforcement of Recycling Fine

- Public Works Director Ralph Soucier discussed the challenges of being short-handed on staff in comparison to when the transfer station used to enforce fines. Ralph shared info on recycling prices and the cost to the town. Concluded that he will bring up an expert in the field to present to the Council what options we might have to address recycling and waste. Unsure of rough cost to taxpayers for those who don't recycle.*
- Chief Worster has similar limitations with staffing. Administering fines could lead to drawn-out court cases that could potentially be reduced to nothing.*
- Committee members and participants agreed inviting Ralph's suggested presenter is the best next step.*

5. Update from Age Friendly Committee on Transportation

- Age Friendly Committee is working with other towns and organizations on identifying best*

practices to implement a local volunteer transportation initiative. This would be able to serve a wider population, including those who may not qualify for existing services (Penquis, etc) or that fall outside of the normal operating hours of existing services. This ties into next agenda item.

6. Status of proposed bus between Millinocket and Bangor

- *Still waiting on Maine DOT for response on request for funding a transportation study to determine feasibility of daily bus between Millinocket and Bangor. Currently the Mayor of Bangor, Susan Collin's office, Jared Golden's office, EMDC, Penquis, Maine DOT, Steve Stanley, and others have been at the table to progress the idea.*
- *Councilor Madore offered that starting with a bus that would operate around normal business hours (8 or 9 am to 5 or 6 pm) would be best.*
- *The idea of an electric bus was discussed, including lowered cost of operating and performance in winter.*

7. Discussion on town Sustainability Coordinator

- *The position of “sustainability coordinator” was proposed, which still needs to be further discussed and developed by the committee. The proposal suggested the position should involve raising funds for various departments that are limited in staff and time. This was proposed as being a self-sustaining position that would not be funded by taxpayer money and would be broadly defined to include economic, environmental and departmental sustainability with a focus on economic development.*
- *Chief Worster supported the idea and referenced a similar grant-writing position from a former department that was highly successful. The Chief suggested putting a cap on any commissions the position might get from grants.*
- *Councilor Madore requested a job description. Councilor Stratton concurred.*

8. Discussion on Capital Flow document

- *The document was presented to be a living document that could be updated and adopted by the committee, and can serve as a framework from which a sustainability coordinator or other town employee could work from.*
- *Chairman McEwen's suggested revisions were discussed. Committee Chair Golieb asked all participants for a final review and input before sending to the Economic Development Subcommittee.*

9. Public Comment

None

10. Adjournment

5:48PM