

**Climate Change Public Policy Team  
Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2013**

The Climate Change Public Policy Team of Sustain Mid Maine Coalition held its first meeting on March 25th, 2013, at the Waterville Public Library. Present were Norm Anderson, Bob McLaughlin, Elery Keene and Jane Edwards.

Members introduced themselves, discussed their reasons for joining the team, their concerns about climate change, and their desire to have some influence on government policies, etc.

Elery said that our first priority right now should be to focus on the state legislature, since they are in session and legislative committees are holding many hearings on a variety of measures which might impact climate change. He mentioned specifically LD825, which, if passed without amendment, would direct the Department of Environmental Protection to resume its study on climate change, and to submit a completed plan with necessary implementing legislation by February 2015. Norm is familiar with the issue, and told us that LD825 would be coming up for a committee hearing on April 4th. Some team members will attend the hearing, and submit testimony about the need to prepare a plan for Maine to adapt to climate change. Jane had brought a copy of a lengthy article which appeared in the Morning Sentinel recently about the issue. All present agreed that we should follow this bill through the legislature, and that we would ask our local legislators to vote for it when it reaches the the legislature for a vote. This will be our initial effort as a team.

There was some discussion of legislative procedure, and the ways of contacting local legislators, etc.

Before we adjourned, Jane announced that there was a citizen participation meeting being held upstairs as part of updating Waterville's comprehensive plan. Some team members went upstairs to observe or participate in that discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane E. Edwards  
March 29, 2013