

**Sustain Mid Maine Coalition  
Climate Change Public Policy Team  
Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2013**

Meeting started at about 6:35 p.m. at the Waterville Public Library. Members present: Jane Edwards, Elery Keene, Peter Garrett, Tom Tietenberg, Dick Thomas.

Motion made by Peter, seconded by Jane, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2013 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Jane said that the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee of the Maine State Legislature will have five meetings during the next few months to discuss alternate energy legislation that was introduced during the spring, 2013 session but not acted upon. The first meeting will be September 20 starting at 9:00 a.m. and should last most of the day. They will ask sponsors to explain their proposals but there will be no public comment at these meetings. Public comment should be allowed at later meetings, not yet scheduled. Jane will send more information about these meetings to members of this committee.

Members discussed a draft public policy statement regarding Climate Change and Fossil Fuels. Discussion included suggestions also sent to members by Elery and Norm. Peter had made some additional changes to Elery's draft just before the meeting. He had access to this from his laptop computer but did not have copies to distribute. He read these aloud. Others had suggestions, which were discussed at length. Peter put changes that were agreed upon by consensus into his computer

Motion made by Peter seconded by Jane for Peter to send copies of this by email to all members. More suggestions for changes may emerge before the next meeting, which could be circulated to members by email. We will take a vote on these revisions at the next meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Also at the next meeting we will discuss the other draft document: Natural Gas and Climate Change. Further communication about this can take place among members also before the next meeting.

We would like to be able to approve our policy statement on this topic before our next meeting and get it to all Board of Directors as soon as possible.

The next regular meeting will be September 23, 2013 at 6:30. It will be either at the Waterville Public Library or at the Winslow Public Library. Jane will let members know when she sends out the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elery Keene