

Public Policy Team discussed asking The Waterville City Council and other municipalities to pass a Climate Change resolution supporting the Climate Change Lobby proposal for the federal government to pass legislation that would impose a carbon fee on fossil fuel at the time of extraction from below the ground or importation from another nation, the money raised to be distributed to the public on a per family basis.

Elery said that he had, as Planning Board Chairman, filled out a questionnaire about what the town of Winslow has done and is doing to reduce use of carbon fuel at municipal buildings including schools. This questionnaire was returned to Coastal enterprises, Inc. and The Nature Conservancy in Maine. Elery was asked to try to find out how this information will be used. We would like to know more about this.

Dick Thomas suggested that we talk with elected municipal officials about energy efficiency and carbon neutrality, and possibly planning board members as well.

Tom Tietenberg, Peter Garrett, and Elery Keene attended a meeting arranged by E2 Tech on October 19 discussing energy use for Transportation in Maine and heating buildings in Maine. Tom led our effort to produce a written summary of what happened at the meeting.

The next meeting will be in early November, exact date not yet set.