



FINAL Municipal Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Boothbay Harbor experiences: coastal flooding, intense wind rainstorms and storm surge, ice jams, drought, high heat emergencies, power outages, and other natural hazards and seeks to better prepare for future conditions;

WHEREAS, planning for community and infrastructure resilience will protect people, preserve businesses and the local economy, and reduce the impact and costs of natural disasters;

WHEREAS the Gulf of Maine is warming 99% faster than other oceans around the world, and ocean acidification and warming ocean temperatures pose a serious economic and cultural risk to Maine maritime industries, heritage, and tourism;

WHEREAS, investing in energy efficiency and weatherization improvements is proven to lower municipal electricity expenses and make buildings more comfortable for employees and visitors;

WHEREAS, the Town of Boothbay Harbor is prepared to demonstrate leadership in reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the resilience of people, infrastructure, and businesses;

WHEREAS, shifting seasonal temperature and precipitation patterns threaten local natural ecosystems, economic activity such as tourism and seasonal recreation, including winter sports and other outdoor activities, and public health due to increased incidence of heat-related illness and tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease;

WHEREAS, the Community Resilience Partnership provides grants to municipalities and Tribal Governments for activities that lower energy expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience in alignment with the state's climate action plan and goals;

WHEREAS, the Town of Boothbay Harbor has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions and held a community workshop on November 30, 2023, which prioritized the following action areas:

1. Conduct a community vulnerability assessment that identifies climate risks and vulnerable populations and includes a review of existing plans and policies. Adopt a climate resilience plan that describes high-priority strategies for reducing risk and vulnerabilities (may be a standalone plan or included in a comprehensive plan).
2. Implement strategies to increase the use of public transit, biking, and walking.
3. Create a climate change education, outreach, and engagement program, focusing on mitigation and adaptation for residents and businesses.
4. Identify and protect living shorelines, salt marsh migration areas, and open space in the floodplain.
5. Protect utilities to reduce physical damage and sustain function during extreme weather events.

6. Adopt and execute a plan for energy efficiency and building envelope weatherization improvements for municipal buildings and schools. Collaborate with the local school district for school building improvements.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Boothbay Harbor commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Boothbay Harbor designates Lenore Imhof to coordinate with the Boothbay Region Climate Action Team (BRCAT) Co-Chair Aislyn Keyes and members to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership.

Michael Tomko (Chair) _____ Date: _____

Ken Rayle (Vice-Chair) _____ Date: _____

Alyssa Allen _____ Date: _____

Mark Osborn _____ Date: _____

Mark Gimbel _____ Date: _____