

Town of Alna
Select Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 15, 2023, 6PM
Alna Town Office & ZOOM WEBINAR
(Zoom Webinar ID: 838 8293 9362)
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Addressing the Select Board

Any member of the public may speak ***once*** on any item under discussion by the Select Board after “being recognized.” Generally, the agenda item will be introduced, followed by questions and discussion among board members, parties directly involved, or their representatives. Next, interested members of the public may speak. (Public comment may, at board discretion, be limited to three minutes per person.) Additional comments by board members or directly involved parties or their representatives may follow. At the close of testimony, the matter will return to the Board for discussion and action.

Call to Order

Review and Approval of Minutes

Public Comment

Agenda Items:

1. Consideration of partnership with the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC) to pursue [GOPIF Community Action Grant](#) funding for the Town of Alna. (See attached information sheet.)
2. Decision regarding bids for Hollywood Boulevard ditching, grading, and culvert replacement.
3. Discussion and decision regarding disposition of recent work performed at Pinkham Pond.

Adjournment

Enrolling in the Community Resilience Partnership

Enrolling in the [Community Resilience Partnership](#) involves 4 steps. Alna and Damariscotta will be enrolling as a group with assistance from their Service Provider, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC). A **committee will be appointed or created** by each town to work with LCRPC through this process. The steps include:

1. **Adopting a municipal resolution** committing to reducing energy use and costs, transitioning to clean energy and making the community more resilient to climate change. ([Sample municipal resolution is provided](#))
2. Completing **two self-assessments** to assess existing progress and identifying potential next steps:
 - o [Community Resilience Self-Evaluation](#) – Assess how the community is addressing resilience in existing planning and operations
 - o [List of Community Actions](#) – Indicate which actions the community has already completed or are in progress. (The List may also be a tool to identify future work.)
3. **Holding a public workshop(s)** to review the self-assessment results and prioritize projects for implementation. Document the meeting agenda(s), participants, minutes, and priority action list, and a description of the steps taken ensure robust community engagement and participation of diverse community voices.
4. **Submitting the community's enrollment materials** from the first three steps through the [online form](#). Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis, there are no deadlines for joining the CRP.

If awarded the Service Provider grant, we will begin this 4 step process working with the committees targeted for **August 2023** (*pending GOPIF's awards*). LCRPC will take the lead on assisting Alna and Damariscotta's respective committees with these 4 steps, as well as assisting with the Community Action Grant application which **will be submitted along with the enrollment material in the Winter-Spring 2024 round of grants**.

Community Action Grants (CAG) can support two categories of climate action by communities: **1)** actions from the [List of Community Actions](#), an approved list of climate mitigation and adaptation activities that align with the strategies of Maine Won't Wait (**no local match**), and **2)** other projects proposed by a community that support capacity building, planning, and implementation projects (**local match required**). The [List of Community Actions](#) offers guidance for communities starting on climate plans and incentivize a baseline level of climate action across the state.

In addition to grants, enrolled communities have access to a **Regional Coordinator** who can help with developing future project ideas and then aid researching and applying for grants, especially federal grants, after the Service Provider grant ends (**Winter-Spring 2024, post CAG submission**). Enrolled communities may participate in training sessions hosted by the Regional Coordinators as well as peer-learning and networking opportunities regionally and statewide. LCRPC is a part of the CRP's Region 1 Coordinator Collaborative (R1CC). This includes York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and southern Oxford Counties. The R1CC is a cooperative effort led by Resilient Communities, L3C in partnership with Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, Greater Portland Council of Governments, and Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission to serve the communities of Region 1.

Once enrolled, to maintain active status in the program, **every two years communities must:**

- Submit a report on new actions completed
- Submit an updated Community Resilience Self-Evaluation
- Submit an updated List of Community Actions that shows at least two new action items have been completed during the preceding two years

If any of these reporting and progress requirements are not met, the community will be listed as inactive and ineligible for further grants. To reactivate, the community must submit an updated Community Resilience Self-Evaluation and List of Community Actions.