

Q7 What more might you suggest that Kennebunkport consider in addressing climate change?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	General Suggestions Relocating Town Hall to high and dry ground on land between North and School St	5/3/2023 8:02 PM
2	Collaborate General Suggestions Specific actions that will be taken by each town to curb the effects of climate change that we are presently living with - i.e., flooding, erosion, etc to our beaches and marshes. This is extremely important to taxpayers as it also relates to property values and the tax base. Action is needed NOW!	4/29/2023 9:08 AM
3	General Suggestions improve access to dispose cardboard and styrofoam with dumpsters	4/29/2023 8:26 AM
4	General Suggestions If you believe in the rhetoric of the climate change advocates, then it would be extremely hypocritical not to addresses tourism as by far having the biggest impact on climate change. Lodging rentals and vacation homes draw tens of thousands of people to travel hundreds of thousand of miles every year to Kennebunkport. The Tourist Industry with events like Prelude have nothing but negative effects on climate.	4/22/2023 6:29 AM
5	General Suggestions Installing solar panels on town buildings.	4/21/2023 5:05 PM
6	Collaborate Discussions as 3 towns around ways we as a community to garner our assets to create a resilient community.	4/21/2023 7:23 AM
7	General Suggestions Recycling, composting, installing natural barriers such as sand dunes and beach grasses instead of sea walls	4/20/2023 5:39 PM
8	General Suggestions You will need to shore up beach and beach road protective measures, and elevate some roads. That Dec '22 storm put water over the pier and causeway at Cape P. No doubt it will happen again. It's time to elevate structures where possible.	4/20/2023 11:56 AM
9	Education/Process managed retreat role player game, visible signage around town, water quality reports	4/20/2023 11:26 AM
10	Collaborate Address this in tandem or collaboratively with Kennebunk	4/20/2023 10:58 AM
11	Observation trash on beaches	4/20/2023 9:28 AM
12	Observation How the weather and temperatures will effect the wildlife	4/19/2023 10:46 PM
13	General Suggestions Sustainable recycling and waste management programs.	4/19/2023 10:44 PM
14	Education/Process Involve students/youth/this generation with decision making	4/19/2023 9:14 PM
15	Do Nothing or Very Little Except for watching our ocean water levels and exploring modular nuclear power for the entire town, Do nothing. I do believe in climate change, but humans can do little to alter its effects, one way or the other, especially with China and India making no efforts to limit their activities. We can not hope to control the cyclical long-term change of orbital relations between the Sun and our Earth. The climate struggle at least gives us something to do, but there should be other priorities for us, such as finding an alternative to building a new town hall.	4/19/2023 7:08 PM
16	General Suggestions Soil erosion and tree preservation	4/19/2023 2:29 PM
17	General Suggestions Assess what impacts increasing tourism is having on our natural resources in light of the effects of climate change--beaches, wildlife, marshes. How many tourists are too many tourists? Where is the tipping point where the economic benefits to local businesses start to negatively impact the natural resources that draw people to the area?	4/19/2023 2:18 PM
18	Observation While it is always good to do what is right to keep your imprint low on your surrounding environment, there is an extremely false narrative that items listed here will do	4/19/2023 1:13 PM

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anything for the global environment. The pollution that has the greatest impact is in countries that are decades behind in technology to put less pollution into the environment. Until something is done at that level these items listed here will be irrelevant in the grand scale.

19	General Suggestions Implement requirement that all lawn mowers, weed removal machines, leaf/grass blowers and any other yard maintenance equipment be electric. Prohibit new construction on or near shorelines and waterways. Transition all municipal vehicles to electric. Ban fire pits, Tiki torches, outdoor heaters and other carbon dioxide producing recreational or "amenities" fixtures from homes and businesses. Limit the removal of trees on lots being developed for new homes and business. Increase green spaces and plant more trees.	4/19/2023 1:06 PM
20	?	4/19/2023 10:41 AM
21	General Suggestions Try to establish measurable metrics such as beach erosion, water temps, etc., (such as the current water quality on the beaches) to help raise awareness	4/19/2023 6:14 AM
22	Too much development Stricter requirements on tourism and development. The last 20 years too much tourist development, especially high end. Uber wealthy have carbon footprints exponentially higher than average people.	4/19/2023 3:27 AM
23	Observation Looks like you've covered key topics well	4/18/2023 7:08 AM
24	Collaborate Lou Miller Seriousness of purpose. Good salesmanship Uniting with nearby community and environmental groups to increase lobbying strength	4/15/2023 3:33 PM
25	Do Nothing or Very Little Stop listening to Biden and the nutcase democrats	4/14/2023 7:21 PM
26	Do Nothing or Very Little Nothing	4/14/2023 5:11 PM
27	General Suggestions Monitor flooding of low roads, plan / fund for solutions.	4/13/2023 3:06 PM
28	Observation Move as fast as possible, I attempted and failed to get this moving ten years ago	4/13/2023 2:26 PM
29	Too much development More diligence in allowing the permits for building mega mansions only occupied 8 weeks a year. But occupants expect town services they have in their cities. The destruction of Mrs. Bryants property is disgusting. Have lived on Paddy Creek for 40 years and is unsafe to walk to CP Square.	4/10/2023 3:01 PM
30	Do Nothing or Very Little Leave it alone. We can't even predict the weather for tomorrow .	4/8/2023 4:48 PM
31	General Suggestions Creating living systems /regenerative practices in people's homes/backyards/neighborhoods and producing food locally is extremely important. We need to regenerate the SOIL health. Focusing too much on electric vehicles & solar panels I believe is a problem, because it's a bandaid on a very large wound, and they extract resources and destroy the earth in other places in the world, not to mention exploiting people in those countries (ie cobalt mines) (who benefits from that industry?). I believe we should develop new ways more locally, so support engineers and inventors who can create better energy systems, and regenerative farmers who will build soil health. Healthy soils sequester much more carbon than what electric cars & solar panels would change. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8UF0_km2yc&ab_channel=Sadhguru	4/8/2023 9:14 AM
32	Do Nothing or Very Little Relax	4/8/2023 8:07 AM
33	General Suggestions IN ORDER: Population limitation to, in order:permanent residents. Next,quotas for: seasonal,property owning residents. Seasonal renters' Monthly renters, etc.	4/7/2023 10:44 PM
34	Education/Process An on-going dialog (electronic/US mail) with residents (full time/part time) about the future outlook and actions needed to off set compromises to the Kport community	4/7/2023 8:40 PM
35	Observation Becoming a dark sky community re lighting over use	4/7/2023 8:17 PM
36	Education/Process engage youth	4/7/2023 7:53 PM
37	Education/Process General Suggestions Consulting and acting on proposals from students in the district. Push on native planting (especially in municipal spaces and plant beds)	4/5/2023 1:41 PM
38	General Suggestions Greenways	4/5/2023 10:48 AM
39	Education/Process Focusing on community resilience measures more than on emissions reduction.	4/5/2023 8:18 AM

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40	General Suggestions Tick borne illnesses are real and devastating- fighting them effectively requires some pesticide use, need to explore options other than "natural".	4/5/2023 1:13 AM
41	General Suggestions Elevating Ocean Avenue to avoid flooding and work with building owners to elevate the buildings to match the road. Come up with better drainage.	4/5/2023 12:26 AM
42	Too much development TOWN SHOULD BE MORE CONSERVATIVE ABOUT NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS. HOPEFULLY, THE PROJECTED EFFECTS OF FUTURE CLIMATE CHANGE COULD BE FACTORED INTO THE PERMIT DECISION	4/4/2023 7:36 PM
43	General Suggestions Some towns have a community garden for growing vegetables. I know there are a few town parcels that would be perfect for a garden. One being the field across Consolidated School. It could be used for educational purposes as well. I also think more outside spaces for exercise for all ages would be nice. More time outside will translate to healthier lifestyles and potentially less use of devices and other things that consume energy.	4/4/2023 5:40 PM
44	General Suggestions Building/zoning changes to allow owners near the water to protect their properties from rising sea levels.	4/4/2023 5:28 PM
45	General Suggestions Recycling, community compost	4/4/2023 5:19 PM
46	General Suggestions electrifying/solar municipal buildings and vehicles, and RSU21 buildings and vehicles	4/4/2023 1:56 PM
47	Observation I think we need to be careful about the actual information we are disseminating. Words like "catastrophe" and "existential" in media could drive actions that just waste \$\$	4/4/2023 9:59 AM
48	Too much development Not overextending infrastructure and not overpopulaing	4/2/2023 8:02 PM
49	Too much development Slow down building, considering the effects of the number and size of structures allowed, and increase safe walking options throughout town	4/2/2023 5:03 PM
50	Do Nothing or Very Little The is no actual evidence that anything beyond normal climate variation is happening. There have been numerous predictions over the past 30+ years and not one of them has been validated with actual data.	4/2/2023 3:35 PM
51	Education/Process The degree to which our actions matter	4/2/2023 12:18 PM
52	Observation That there are more pressing and life-threatening issues currently at hand to address, such as the electro-magnetic frequencies (EMF) from 5G antennas and the new towers, EMP and RF as well as planes spewing chemical trails full of heavy metals and harmful contaminants, which cause harm to us and to our food supply, the dramatic loss of our pollinators and additional threats.	4/2/2023 12:54 AM
53	Education/Process Consolidated School throws away several hundred plastic utensils, plastic bags, styrofoam cups and unopened plastic wrapped food Monday- Friday. We are NOT teaching our students sustainable behaviors, and this is perfect place to begin. Our students are the future, and if we are not educating them about climate change and the impact of wasteful behavior, that is a lost opportunity. We need help.	4/1/2023 7:43 PM
54	General Suggestions Too much development Thinking forward on how infrastructure dollars are spent and potentially modifying zoning requirements so private owners are incentivized to the same and not pour money into extremely vulnerable locations to shoreline change	4/1/2023 11:08 AM
55	General Suggestions Use The Parcel for relocation of public services, Town Hall, Fire and ambulance Stations, Post Office, etc.	3/31/2023 11:14 PM
56	Education/Process General Suggestions A "wake-up" letter to all residents. We live in Goose Rocks and the changes are very visible!!	3/31/2023 9:02 PM
57	General Suggestions Erosion control planning	3/31/2023 8:46 PM
58	General Suggestions Windfarms	3/31/2023 8:12 PM
59	General Suggestions strict adherence to zoning restrictions unless variances will have negligible repercussions	3/31/2023 7:59 PM
60	Education/Process Connecting with UNE/USM for speakers, access to current research, etc.	3/31/2023 5:47 PM
61	Education/Process Total education to enhance understanding of the issues to all	3/31/2023 5:26 PM

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62	Observation The proposed coverage is a fairly comprehensive starting point to provide broad-based information, from which more targeted/focused inquiries will likely become apparent.	3/31/2023 5:25 PM
63	General Suggestions Providing more sidewalks to reduce the need to drive everywhere - run School Street sidewalks into Cape Porpoise.	3/31/2023 4:01 PM
64	Education/Process Impact on zoning and land use, municipal plans to address sea level rise for ocean front property, downtown and municipal utilities. Changes required, action plans, budgets, approvals.	3/31/2023 3:25 PM
65	Do Nothing or Very Little Stop trying to incite hysteria.	3/31/2023 1:16 PM
66	General Suggestions I would suggest pushing plastic-banning legislation/regulations on businesses. Non-recyclable plastics and plastics labelled with numbers 3-7 (that aren't normally recycled in Maine) contribute to a vast amount of pollution.	3/31/2023 11:54 AM
67	General Suggestions Hotels & motels starting to use cleansers that use less or no plastic containers.	3/31/2023 11:53 AM
68	General Suggestions Wind energy. UMaine has the technology now that can supply electricity to ME plus some neighbors. What's holding that up? Go for it.	3/31/2023 9:50 AM
69	General Suggestions Potable water supply and effluent drainage ...	3/31/2023 9:31 AM
70	Observation Take action now . It's not going to get better	3/31/2023 9:27 AM
71	Observation consider a roundabout at the intersection of Rt 9 and Beach Ave. It will reduce idle times with vehicles and minimize the annoyance of waiting to enter town. The other thing that creates traffic jams is pedestrians walking across the streets in Dock Square. On busy days, visitors are constantly crossing the streets (which is understandable) so the traffic has to stop. Can a committee be established to brainstorm how to make this situation less annoying. Can we come up with options, e.g. crosswalk signals that would control the crossings which sometimes occur every couple of minutes, clogging up the traffic throughout the Rt. 9/Western Ave corridor.	3/31/2023 9:26 AM
72	General Suggestions Add a surcharge to current property taxes to build an endowment account for future town use specifically for infrastructure changes needed to preclude climate-driven impacts.	3/31/2023 9:25 AM
73	General Suggestions Problems with flooding of Ocean Avenue.	3/31/2023 9:20 AM
74	Observation Please don't create a Committee of busybody rulemakers like the GRB Advisory Board. We have thousands of rules already. We don't need more rules...	3/31/2023 9:18 AM
75	General Suggestions Keeping our existing area clean and toxin free.	3/31/2023 9:15 AM
76	Observation I need to think about the "what" more once I know the current "what" in more detail	3/31/2023 9:09 AM
77	General Suggestions Helping those with limited income manage the effects	3/31/2023 9:05 AM
78	na	3/31/2023 8:55 AM
79	General Suggestions Climate change is inevitable. It is about what are we going to do to deal with it. Extreme weather translate to more frequent power loss. In the winter this mean loss of heat. Whole house generator should be recommended without any town restriction	3/31/2023 8:18 AM
80	General Suggestions Creating a community micro-grid to help our town to be less reliant on other power sources.	3/30/2023 9:18 PM
81	Observation Main thing is sea water erosion and heightened tidal issues, warming waters, changing weather - low snow levels winter, higher heat in summer	3/30/2023 8:24 PM
82	Collaborate Vigilance in learning from other coastal towns and evolving solutions	3/30/2023 7:36 PM
83	General Suggestions get rid of invasive plants and trees and plant native especially on beaches and watersheds, rivers. Get to the bottom of pollution coming down rivers to ocean.	3/30/2023 6:00 PM
84	Do Nothing or Very Little Look at history, the climate is always changing.	3/30/2023 4:47 PM
85	General Suggestions Limiting tourist activity that exacerbates climate change (eg tour buses and boat tours).	3/30/2023 4:42 PM

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87	General Suggestions Too much development Less housings development's	3/30/2023 3:42 PM
88	General Suggestions Foster winterizing/insulating older homes.	3/30/2023 3:37 PM
89	Do Nothing or Very Little Mother Nature is bigger than us. Mandated initiatives will only cause problems. The Earth is warming on its own.	3/30/2023 3:18 PM
90	Observation Using an honest ecological approach so that people with an understanding of science won't be discouraged by a group who mislead by using "fact" instead of "hypothesis" or claim to want to guard the environment yet plan to build a large space to study this. I am afraid people are getting turned off by a lot of the hypocrisies.	3/30/2023 3:17 PM
91	Observation Stop misleading and lying to people	3/30/2023 2:44 PM
92	Too much development Pollution and overcrowding is probably a big part of the issue...	3/30/2023 2:44 PM
93	General Suggestions Consider new impact fees for construction in flood zones and, or zones vulnerable to the impact of flooding. Save those to help fund infrastructure work that will be needed to provide services.	3/30/2023 2:44 PM
94	Education/Process There needs to be a shift in consciousness in order for a more holistic approach to solutions to be of benefit to ALL (including the more-than-humans). Treating the planet like it's a resource is how we got into this mess. That same mindset (of "less than" or "othering") pervades our world and also effects what we might call racial/gender/economic/social injustices.	3/30/2023 2:44 PM
95	General Suggestions Tax Homes that are likely to bedamaged by Climate change higher rates	3/30/2023 2:39 PM
96	Do Nothing or Very Little You as a town have more important issues to attend to. This is ridiculous.	3/30/2023 2:27 PM
97	Do Nothing or Very Little Don't go whole hog and sink a ton money into this. Proceed cautiously and thoughtfully WITHOUT SPENDING A TON OF MONEY.	3/30/2023 2:24 PM
98	Observation Signage on Dock square. Recycling on Dock square.	3/30/2023 2:18 PM
99	General Suggestions Further emergency presparedness efforts in the form of a community emergency response team to assist fire/ ems/police	3/30/2023 2:12 PM
100	Collaborate Networking with similar coastal communities to share expert opinions, resources on the topic, strategies.	3/30/2023 1:55 PM
101	Observation I would like to see the elimination of any publicly funded human-caused climate change education as a truth or a fact. Climate change activists use the issue of climate change as a political tool. I would like to see the conversation focused on human adaptation to climate change which is perfectly natural and has been happening for 4.5 billion years.	3/30/2023 1:40 PM
102	General Suggestions Power outages. 3x power outages of 24 or more hours this past winter. The town provides no services to residents. The town should do more	3/30/2023 1:35 PM
103	Collaborate Education/Process It would be helpful to continue to be informed of current climate change mitigation efforts for Kennebunkport, with neighboring towns, regionally, and possibly nationally.	3/30/2023 1:17 PM
104	Do Nothing or Very Little There is no climate change...just leftist political agendas.	3/30/2023 1:05 PM
105	Observation Traffic flow at a standstill.. rehiring a traffic officer at the height of summer tourist season	3/30/2023 8:19 AM
106	Education/Process Involving students can add a new perspective and spread more awareness.	3/30/2023 8:05 AM
107	Observation There is nothing I can think of that hasn't been included at the moment	3/30/2023 8:01 AM
108	Observation Curbside compost pickup.	3/29/2023 6:21 PM
109	Observation This is a great start!	3/29/2023 6:11 PM

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110	General Suggestions	The impact Of off shore wind farms	3/29/2023 4:14 PM
111	General Suggestions	As business owner located in Dock Square (Daytrip Society, Daytrip Jr.) we are most urgently concerned about the frequency of flooding in the dock square area and what the town and business owners can do to address it.	3/29/2023 1:29 PM
112	Observation	Have both sides of the spectrum addressed not just your side	3/29/2023 12:56 PM
113	General Suggestions	Education on eliminating or at least reducing landscape pesticides and invasive plant species	3/29/2023 12:39 PM
114	General Suggestions	Ease zoning restrictions so that waterfront property owners can take reasonable steps to protect property from coastal flooding.	3/29/2023 11:44 AM
115	Education/Process	Posting signs about how personal decisions can makes a difference. For example, reminders of the impact of staying off beach grass, composting and recycling options in town and at the beaches. Signs that say "Did you know...." Turning off your car engine...not idling, could prevent.... It may make a few people challenge their decision-making.	3/29/2023 11:09 AM
116	Education/Process	Bring in experts	3/29/2023 10:55 AM
117	General Suggestions	Please consider lobbying the state level legislators and departments to allow us to protect our shorelines from rising ocean and worsening storms. It is happening faster and faster, but the rules instead of loosening are tightening. We will lose our property and sustain much damage (we have already).	3/29/2023 9:01 AM
118	General Suggestions	enforcing and strengthening zoning especially in sensitive coastal zones. We allow too much density too much overbuilding	3/29/2023 7:53 AM
119	Do Nothing or Very Little	Climate Fraud	3/29/2023 6:05 AM
120	General Suggestions	Public transportation to reduce need for cars	3/29/2023 5:45 AM
121	General Suggestions	Tips from the town or Conservation Trust on small changes we all can make to our everyday life to address climate change. Town recycling?	3/29/2023 3:50 AM
122	General Suggestions	Changing to heat pumps is the most probable, and probably the most practical thing Maine can do. Installing electric water heaters instead of furnace driven is also easy	3/29/2023 3:38 AM
123	General Suggestions	Too much development Consider reviewing building codes / adding and enforcing restrictions to limit amt of clearing of the natural landscape for new home and business development. — Don't allow new development in flood zones. — Encourage and aid town and residents to plant shade trees — Involve both youth and the elderly population in outreach groups and programs — investigate and offer incentives to local businesses to be more green — Is it possible to establish a small fee (a couple dollars per person even) to tourists staying in town to use toward a greening of Kennebunkport initiative (solar lighting in town for example?)	3/28/2023 9:34 PM
124	General Suggestions	Education, teach children how not to be polluters. Ban all plastic 1x plastic use bags. Ban non- recyclable carry out food & drink containers (plastic & styrofoam containers). Place trash receptacles on the streets and by beach entrances.	3/28/2023 7:34 PM
125	General Suggestions	Solar. Water conservation.	3/28/2023 6:53 PM
126	General Suggestions	The most important action to take now is protecting infrastructure.	3/28/2023 6:21 PM
127	Too much development	Further restrictions on coastal development	3/28/2023 6:17 PM
128	Do Nothing or Very Little	Perhaps spend your own money doing something that will actually help the community	3/28/2023 5:58 PM
129	Too much development	Limiting the growth of new homes, as the beaches, water systems and roads are being overwhelmed.	3/28/2023 5:22 PM
130	Too much development	Protect wetlands, coastal and freshwater areas from increased development to help with increased flooding and protection of these habitats. Manage storm water runoff from developed areas. Require all new builds to be electrified and powered by renewable resources (solar, wind). Provide incentives for remodels to be all electric. Reduce cutting of trees.	3/28/2023 5:10 PM

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131	Observation Take a deep breath	3/28/2023 5:09 PM
132	General Suggestions Getting town DPW to use battery powered equipment. Getting the Cape Arundel golf course to use battery powered equipment More plug- ins for elect vehicles (Dock Sq lot one example) Have a "house tour" to demonstrate effective solar panels, energy efficient homes, creative architecture, etc Develop the "village parcel" to help people live close to town and develop energy efficient homes for elderly and young families.	3/28/2023 3:02 PM
133	Observation Support for international birth control programs that focus on reducing births in the third world, where most of climate warming emission growth is occurring due to their population growth.	3/27/2023 5:14 PM
134	General Suggestions Advocate for an amendment Title 36, Section 1482 of the State Excise Tax rules that could allow the Town of Kennebunkport to offer a discount on the tax if families go to one vehicle per household or to electric vehicles. Consider a different mill rate for homes that transition to solar or heatpumps.	3/27/2023 3:53 PM
135	Observation No yachts	3/27/2023 12:49 PM
136	Collaborate I would love to see more collaboration with neighboring municipalities such as Kennebunk and Arundel in this Climate Action Plan!	3/27/2023 10:13 AM