May 2016

"Giving should be entered into in just the same way as investing. Giving is investing."
- John D. Rockefeller

Hello and happy May!
It feels like spring might (just maybe?) finally begin to touch the island. Leaves unfurl, birds sing and more and more cars are seen on the roads. As tourist season begins to kick into gear, we envision our island as a unique tourist location not just because of the incredible beauty of Acadia National Park but also as an inspirational resource on energy independence, sustainability, and community thriving.

At ACTT, we give of our time, experience, energy and resources to make that vision possible. As John D. Rockefeller so aptly pointed out, giving is investing, and we chose to invest in the future of MDI in a way that will impact far beyond the shores of our island. We ask you to join us, whether through getting involved in one of our committees or contributing to our first crowdfunding campaign. And we look forward to seeing you under the warming sun as the days grow longer and we all hit the outdoors in our own way, celebrating this island we love to call home.

Join our crowdfunding campaign!

As you know from our email updates, ACTT has been busy laying the groundwork to take this project to the next level. In order to make that leap and sustain the organization, we need to raise $5000. To that end, we have launched a crowdfunding campaign that will run until June 10. The first $2000 received will be matched by a donation from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund. Visit this link to make a contribution; every amount brings us that much closer to our goal and makes possible projects like Solarize MDI (with the goal of doubling MDI’s photovoltaic systems in the next year), energy assessments and energy conservation measures on public and private buildings, recycling and composting opportunities, and more! Your support turns our vision for the future into a reality.

Upcoming Committee Meetings
May 12, 5:30pm - Transportation Committee Meeting. Location: Jesup Library. Email Dennis Kiley, committee leader at denniskiley@gmail.com for more information.

May 14, 8:00-11:00am - Zero Waste Committee Meeting. Location: Deering Commons, COA. Email Lisa Bjerke, committee leader at lbjerke@coa.edu for more information.

May 18, 5:30pm - Food Committee Meeting. Location: Beech Hill Farm. Email Glenon Friedmann, committee leader at barharborfarm@gmail.com for more information.

May 24, 5:30pm - Building Performance Committee Meeting. Location: Ruth Poland & Jesse Wheeler's home, 245 Oak Hill Road, Bar Harbor. Email Ruth Poland at ruth@aclimatetothrive.org for more information.

May 26, 5:00pm - Energy Committee Meeting. Location: The Beck's House, 91 Summit Road, Northeast Harbor. Email Gary Friedmann, committee leader at gary@garyfriedmann.com for more information.

Policy Committee meeting: early June, stay tuned for exact date. Email Johannah Blackman at johannah@aclimatetothrive.org for more information.

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**Google Drive Info Session**

**May 21, 10:00-11:30am, Southwest Harbor Public Library.**

*Led by Ruth Poland and Lisa Bjerke.*

A Climate to Thrive is relying heavily on google drive to gather and share information. Lisa and Ruth will be leading a brief session providing information that will help anyone make use of this resource, whether for work related to A Climate to Thrive or for other projects. We hope you can make it!

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**A Climate to Thrive in the Islander**
To help ensure get all our latest news to the community, *The Islander* has very generously given us space for a monthly column. Our stories will appear in the "Extras" section; you may have caught our general update and introduction of our latest Advisory Board member in April. This month, watch the paper for a story about work a few members of ACTT have been doing with students from MDI High School. Each month we'll profile a community effort, share an inspiring story or examine an interesting new piece of data. If you have an idea for a story, let us know by emailing johannah@acimatetothrive.org.

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**Discover your solar potential!**

**New app developed by COA students does the work for you.**

College of the Atlantic student Wade Lyman has developed a very timely and impressive application that can be used to survey MDI and map the solar potential of rooftops.

The web application was created using ESRI software at the College of the Atlantic's GIS Laboratory. The data in the map was attained using simulations of annual solar incidence, including the effects of intermittent shading from adjacent topography, structures and trees throughout the year. This allowed for relatively precise, high resolution estimations of solar technology performance on every roof.

Check out Wade's application at [this link](https://www.aclimatetothrive.org) and explore your own solar potential!

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