

Report from Climate Conversations: What Can WE Do?

Throughout the spring and summer we worked with Jane and John Traill to prepare and plant the Pollinator Garden at the Waterford Library. An additional granite bench was added to the seating, a walkway, and numerous plants gave shape to a space that invites all to sit or stroll through. We are grateful for the Library offering the land for the garden and for the numerous volunteers who chipped in to make it happen. Watch for a blanket of yellow daffodils coming up in the spring to brighten our village.

In June we hosted, author, educator and climate change advocate, Sue Inches, who spoke to us on “Bridging the Left and the Right: How to communicate across the ideological divide.” She emphasized the importance of deep listening and empathy in order to gain greater understanding of what fears and uncertainties others are holding.

A six-book study entitled “Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We’re in with Unexpected Resilience and Creative Power” written by Joanna Macy gave the group who attended the wonderful opportunity to share together climate concerns and how to form action that can make a difference. Followup meetings are planned to continue dialogue and action opportunities.

A very successful event took place on December 13th in which Efficiency Maine presented an overview of their rebate and grant opportunities. The dialogue was lively and very informative.

We’re looking forward to more Climate Conversations in 2023!