

TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH - MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: Energy Committee

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Attendance

In Attendance:

- Sam Milton
- David Bagdasarian
- John Voltz
- Vince Faherty
- Richard Parker
- Nico Dietsch
- Dave Kane
- Ian Sample

Not Present

- Rosie Blenkhorn

Public Contributions

Teresa Galvin, Sustainability Coordinator from Falmouth, discussed her role and how the same role could benefit Cape Elizabeth. She also participated in later discussions.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Sam, with unanimous agreement.

Guest Speakers

Sarah Mills-Knapp, GPCOG and Teresa Galvin shared insights on climate action strategy and the value of dedicated sustainability role.

Key Discussion Points

- **Role of Sustainability Coordinator/Grant Writer:** Discussed the importance and impact of appointing a dedicated individual for leading sustainability and grant writing efforts.
- **Initiatives for Climate Action and Energy Efficiency:** Reviewed strategies for solar power, LED lighting, and leveraging federal funding to enhance community sustainability.
- **Potential for Agrivoltaics and Solar Projects:** Examined the feasibility of agrivoltaics and the integration challenges of large-scale solar initiatives, particularly for school systems.
- **Enhancing Community Engagement:** Highlighted the significance of engaging the community through surveys and the town's website to improve visibility and participation.

Action Items

- Formulate a job description and title for the Sustainability Coordinator or Grant Writer role.
- Assess feasibility and devise strategies for implementing solar energy and heat pump projects within school systems.
- Collaborate with community members and other committees to gather support and feedback for sustainability initiatives.

Next Meeting Schedule:

Scheduled for February 15, 7:00 PM at the Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Meeting Concluded

The session concluded at 9:15 PM.

Submitted Respectfully,
David Bagdasarian, Facilities Director