

## **TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING: Energy Committee  
DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2022  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
PLACE: Zoom (<https://capeelizabethschools-org.zoom.us/j/86494882668>)

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### **Roll Call**

Present:  
John Voltz  
Carrie Gilbert  
Nico Dietsch  
David Bagdasarian

### **Absent**

Sam Milton  
Richard Parker  
Sam Lipman  
David Kane

### **School Representative**

None

### **Public Comment**

- No public present.

### **Minutes**

- John → correct dates on previous minutes and add standing agenda to Cape website. Additionally add transcripts as well → Carrie and Nico approve minutes
- Dave → EV project update → excavating has begun at Fort Williams
- John has brought our contract issues to the Town Councils attention → Plans to follow up with memo → General interest from the TC and are delighted to receive reports/updates from the committee.
- Carrie motion to approve climate goals(see meeting attachment from 4/21/22)  
John seconds → Nico is going to work on a draft of an additional goal related to outreach
- Update on current projects → Dave no real movement. EVs are trying to be in by May 15 – The Efficiency Maine deadline...Looks unlikely that they will make it → John recommends that we reach out and move that deadline ASAP.

- Dave, the Town Council brought up during budget review to look into ways to offset the rising operation cost of the Town Pool → Carrie, solar thermal heating for the pool was actually the recommendation out of the previous energy committee's report → Net metering rules changed, you could have virtual net metering which enabled us to do the landfill project.....A lot went into choosing that solar thermal pool project – they (previous committee) thought that was the best project → Carrie recommends that our first step should be going back and looking at that their report said → numbers may have changed but analysis is probably going to still be accurate.
- John, whatever we do, the payback period needs to be 10 years because in 10 years we will likely need to rebuild that entire complex.
- John, a more energy efficient pool is probably an entire project worth looking at → there must be a way to get more from the thermal waste → Nico, with the current oil prices, the payback would probably be fairly rapid.
- John would like to see the water numbers for the pool → Dave, I can look into that. It may be tied into the HS numbers which could make it tricky
- Carrie, finds the old energy committee report and shares it with the group
- John, school building update → Carrie and Nico are our reps to keep us informed → Nico, the website gives lip service to sustainability and green concepts but there's no specific measures that are identified. No framework for measuring progress/metrics on energy consumption or carbon content such as energy star or lead.

### **Public Comment**

- No public present.

### **Adjournment**

Carrie made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by John. The meeting was adjourned without Objection at 8:06 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

- Thursday 5/19/2022 at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Bagdasarian