

TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH - MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: Energy Committee

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Attendance

In Attendance:

- Sam Milton
- David Bagdasarian
- Dave Kane
- Ian Sample
- Rosie Blenkhorn
- Niko Dietsch

Not Present:

- Richard Parker
- Vince Faherty

Public Contributions

None

Approval of Minutes

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

Key Discussion Points

Anna (Consultant):

- Focus on municipal reduction framework, greenhouse gas inventory, and emission reduction target presentation.

Discussion on Municipal Targets:

- Flexibility in setting and adjusting targets.

- Importance of realistic yet aspirational targets for municipal operations.

Community and Municipal Integration:

- Integrating municipal emissions within the community-wide inventory.
- Setting informed targets for municipal operations.

Strategy for Emission Reduction:

- Advocacy for aggressive, science-based municipal targets.
- Practical targets for residential areas with less direct control.

School HVAC and Energy Systems:

- Need to integrate climate goals into school HVAC planning.
- Discussed bond projections and clear guidance from the energy committee.

Memo to Town Council:

- Inform the Town Council and request a vote on targets.
- Potential workshop for detailed discussion.

Aggressive Targets Discussion:

- Consensus on recommending "Maine Won't Wait" targets as a minimum.
- Balance between achievable targets and ambitious goals.

Outreach and Communication:

- Ongoing communication with the Town Council is crucial.
- Include relevant resources in the memo for the Council.

Next Steps:

- Timely decisions for ongoing projects, particularly school infrastructure.
- Agreement to draft and circulate a memo for approval.

Additional Discussion:

- Nudge decision-makers towards climate action commitment.

- Consideration of recent projects in other towns.
- Suggestion to request a workshop for detailed target discussion.

Next Meeting Schedule

Scheduled for June 20, 7:00 PM at the Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Meeting Concluded

The session concluded at 9:01 PM.

Submitted Respectfully,
David Bagdasarian, Facilities Director