

Approved by the Cape Elizabeth Town Council January 8, 2024

TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH RESOLUTION

Join Community Resilience Partnership

WHEREAS, in the July 8, 2019, Comprehensive Plan, the Town of Cape Elizabeth committed to addressing climate change and its effects on the town's physical infrastructure, natural assets, and native species;

WHEREAS, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council included the creation of climate action goals in its 2023 Goals & Objectives;

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2023, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council unanimously approved a contract to hire the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) to support the development of a climate action planning process for the impacts of climate change;

WHEREAS, a part of the Climate Action Planning process is to identify funding opportunities to implement actions that mitigate the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future has established a Community Resilience Partnership that provides grants to municipalities and Tribal Governments for activities that lower energy expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase

community resilience in alignment with the state's climate action plan and goals; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cape Elizabeth is eligible to apply for a Community Action Grant administered through the Community Resilience Partnership and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cape Elizabeth has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held a community workshop on November 30, 2023, which prioritized the following action areas:

- Participate in the transition to Electric Vehicles (EVs)
- Upgrade energy efficiencies for municipal operations
- Improve biking infrastructure
- Assistance with home heating improvements for the elderly and those most in need
- Increase capacity for implementing projects

WHEREAS, joining the Community Resilience Partnership requires the Town Council to pass the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Cape Elizabeth commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Cape Elizabeth designates the Cape Elizabeth Energy Committee to coordinate the planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact for the Community Resilience Partnership.