TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH MEETING MINUTES

MEETING:Energy CommitteeDATE:Wednesday, June 19, 2019TIME:6:30 p.m.PLACE:Jordan Conference Room

Roll Call

Present: Sam Milton Sam Lipman Richard Parker Carrie Gilbert Barbara Toomey Thomas Murley Perry Schwarz

Absent: Jennifer Healy

Public Comment

- Nina Trowbridge (14 Leighton Farm Rd) Spoke to the committee about the importance of the Carbon Dividend Act and asked that the committee make a recommendation to Town Council to endorse.
- Robbie Trowbridge (14 Leighton Farm Rd) Spoke to the committee about the importance of the Carbon Dividend Act and asked that the committee make a recommendation to Town Council to endorse.
- Susan Payne (72 Stonybrook Rd) Spoke to the committee about the importance of the Carbon Dividend Act and asked that the committee make a recommendation to Town Council to endorse.

Reports and Correspondence

- Copy of the RFP from the Greater Portland Council of Governments on the conversion of Cape Elizabeth streetlights to LED technology.
- Sample Analysis from Tanko Lighting on the estimated cost savings of the streetlight conversion project.

Minutes

- Peter Monro from the Citizens' Climate Lobby spoke to the committee about the details behind the Carbon Dividend Act and clarified that an endorsement will not require any resources or money from the town. It's simply a message to congress that our Town Council has discussed the topic and believe it would have a positive impact on climate change.
- Richard Parker made a motion for the Energy Committee to support the Carbon Dividend Act and make a recommendation to the Town Council. Thomas Murley seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Thomas Murley reported that he would type up the recommendation on the Carbon Dividend Act from the committee in time for the July 8th Council meeting.
- Chairman Jamie Garvin had suggested some ideas to the committee such as an energy fair, working with GPCOG, figure how the town can tap into projects with our surrounding communities and/or programs/grants. Garvin also clarified that projects that are recommended by the committee would need documentation to help show the benefit to the town and if approved, could be put into a CIP and/or operating budget. Garvin explained that the committee should develop goals and could be as little as one but also could be many.
- Carrie and Tom offered to gather more information on the Act LD1711 (Act To Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine)

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday July 25th 2019 6:30pm Location: Jordan Conference Room at Town Hall

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

After hearing no further comments, Sam Lipman made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Sam Milton. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Perry J. Schwarz