

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
FROM: Ordinance Committee
DATE: June 5, 2018
SUBJECT: Renewable Energy Committee Chapter 4 Amendment

Introduction

The Town Council forwarded to the Ordinance Committee proposed amendments to the Board and Committee Ordinance, Chapter 4, to create a standing Renewable Energy Committee. The Ordinance Committee reviewed the amendments at the October 19, 2017 meeting, then brought the recommendation to establish a standing Renewable Energy Committee to the council to consider on December 11, 2017. The council received the recommendation, and then referred the issue back to the ordinance committee for further review of purpose, objectives and whether such a committee should be combined with the recycling committee. The Ordinance Committee met on January 22 and March 22.

Discussion

The Ordinance Committee met twice to discuss the potential for combining the duties of the Recycling Committee with the Alternative Energy Committee. The Ordinance Committee met with members of the current Recycling Committee and some members of the former Alternative Energy Committee to explore the subject. There was significant discussion centered around subjects such as the current workload of the Recycling Committee, the areas of common interest for both committees and discussion on the Town Council's Environmental Sustainability Goal. There was additional discussion among the group of perhaps needing a larger committee to do this, but that would require creation by the council and a charge provided by the council. The council could provide clear goals so sustainable efforts could be pursued. The conclusion was the Recycling Committee should remain as is, and a new committee named the Renewable Energy Committee should be created, as recommended in the Alternative Energy Committee's report.

Recommendation

At the end of the discussion the motion was made to "Move forward with the recommendation to create the Renewable Energy Committee and refer the recommendation to the town council" by Caitlin Jordan, Second by Valerie Randall, motion passed unanimously 3-0.