

Town of Cape Elizabeth
DRAFT Ordinance Committee Minutes

July 30, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Jordan Conference Room

Present: Councilors Penelope Jordan, Caitlin Jordan, Valerie Randall, James Garvin, Sara Lennon, Jessica Sullivan, Christopher Straw

Staff: Town Manager Matthew Sturgis

Public: Julia Bassett Schwerin, Rick Smith

Councilor Penelope Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m., introduced the subject matter to be discussed is the establishment of an Energy Committee, and invited the public to comment on the subject matter.

Julia Bassett Schwerin provided her thoughts on the subject in support of the establishment of an Energy Committee.

Rick Smith commented that the committee looks more like a sustainability committee that is focused on more than energy. He sees an Energy Committee as a resource.

- 1. Approval of prior meeting minutes: Motion by Caitlin Jordan to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting. Second by Valerie Randall. Motion passed 3-0.**
- 2. Councilor Penelope Jordan had provided a supplemental handout to the Ordinance Committee, which she explained.**

Councilor Randall discussed sustainability and it was beyond the scope desired at this time. Perhaps in the future a sustainability committee could be formed, but after the Recycling and Energy Committee do their work.

Councilor Caitlin Jordan noted that if it is a sustainability committee that is desired, then that is a different discussion.

Councilor Sara Lennon liked the original language of the committee, and thought a brief and less specific charge would be superior.

Council Chair Jessica Sullivan thought the original scope was too narrow. If the project identified in the Alternative Energy Committee's report was completed, would their work be done? What other concepts can be explored? What about the items in the first committee's report? The Town can pursue other projects as well as could encompass other uses.

Councilor Caitlin Jordan was satisfied with keeping the committee name as the Energy Committee. This allows the freedom to look at more items.

Councilor Penelope Jordan cited the committee could use any information resource.

Julia Bassett Schwerin noted the Alternative Energy Committee received resistance when they wanted to examine all facilities.

Rick Smith stated there were additional technologies that were considered, but not studied.

Councilor James Garvin noted the committee makes recommendations while the council sets goals and the manager implements the decisions. He is more interested in a sustainability committee. This is the best model for the Town, and South Portland would be good to collaborate with. Still considers combining recycling and energy the best option.

Councilor Penelope Jordan thought a goal for next year could be to pursue sustainability.

Councilor Sara Lennon noted that education of Town residents on the subjects of energy sustainability would be a good item to pursue.

Councilor Caitlin Jordan moved to create an Energy Committee with seven members, and for the Manager to incorporate Councilor Randall's edits to the committee description. Motion seconded by Councilor Randall.

The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Councilor Caitlin Jordan motioned to adjourn, second by Councilor Randall. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.