



**Cape Elizabeth Town Council Special Meeting**  
**Minutes Wednesday, January 23, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m. Cape Elizabeth Town Hall**  
**Council Chambers**

James M. "Jamie" Garvin, Chairman  
Valerie J. Deveraux  
Jeremy A. Gabrielson  
Caitlin R. Jordan  
Penelope A. Jordan  
Valerie A. Randall  
Christopher M. Straw

**The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Town Council Chairman James M. "Jamie" Garvin.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Roll Call by the Town Clerk**

All members of the town council were present except Councilor Caitlin Jordan.

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk  
Matthew E. Sturgis, Town Manager

**Citizen Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda**

None

**Public Hearing      Citizen Petition – Petition for Enactment of Ordinance to Limit  
Disposition of Shoreline Access Real Estate**

Present – Michael Hill, Town Attorney

Chairman Garvin opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Richard "Nick" Bryant, 55 Spurwink Avenue, Representing SOS  
Mr. Bryant provided an overview of the citizen petition and urged the town council to adopt the ordinance.

Jim Morra, 5 Waumbek Road encouraged the town council to adopt the ordinance rather than holding an election in June with a lower turnout or waiting until November.

Colette Howe, 17 High View Road, member of SOS stated why the petition was started. The town needs to look at how we vote; a simple majority is too close to call for shoreline access. The super majority will build strong consensus. The town council is urged to adopt the ordinance on February 11.

Mary Ann Lynch, 2 Olde Colony Lane doesn't like to tie the hands of the town council however signed the petition. The petition was a way to show how the citizens feel on the issue. The paper street should be accepted. The town council is urged to adopt the ordinance on February 11, if not the vote should take place June 2019 with the school budget.

Sarah MacColl, 4 Avon Road favors the ordinance. Access to the shoreline is increasing in importance.

Priscilla Armstrong, 18 Avon Road encourages the town council to adopt the ordinance on February 11. The ordinance ensures greater discussion making and buy-in from citizens.

Anita Pettitt, 8 Katahdin Road said the ordinance is reasonable and encourages the town council to adopt on February 11.

Jodi Breau, 5 Waumbek Road, President SOS thanked Mr. Bryant for his assistance. This is the second citizens petition – citizens are asking for shoreline protection. The town council is urged to adopt the ordinance on February 11.

Mike Thorne, 15 High View Road, affiliated with SOS said there is a huge amount of interest in land issues in town. The group is trying to keep this a low-key issue however if not adopted could get a lot of press. The town council is urged to adopt the ordinance.

Robert Cronin, 7 Avon Road, member of SOS stated this is of major importance, a super majority makes sense.

After hearing no further comments, the hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

**Item #38-2019                      Citizen Petition – Petition for Enactment of Ordinance to Limit  
Disposition of Shoreline Access Real Estate**

Pursuant to the charter the public hearing was held this evening, within 30 days from the date of filing the petition on January 2, 2019.

Pursuant to the charter within 30 days after the public hearing the town council shall designate a time and place for the referendum election, unless prior to the referendum vote, such ordinance is enacted by the council. An item will be placed on the February 11, 2019 council agenda.

**Citizens may at this point in the meeting raise any topic that is not on the agenda that pertains to Cape Elizabeth local government.**

None

**Adjournment**

Moved by Valerie A. Randall and Seconded by Penelope A. Jordan  
ORDERED, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council adjourns at 7:28 p.m.  
(6 yes) (0 no)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk