

**TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Draft**

MEETING: Energy Committee  
DATE: Thursday, February 25th, 2021  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Zoom Meeting

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**Roll Call**

Present:

Sam Milton  
Sam Lipman  
Carrie Gilbert  
Richard Parker  
John Voltz

Absent:

Thomas Murley  
Barbara Toomey

**Public Comment**

- ❖ No public present.

**Minutes**

- ❖ A motion was made for the approval of the January meeting minutes by Carrie Gilbert and was seconded by Richard Parker. All were in favor of the approval of the draft.
- ❖ Richard Parker reported that it was unclear at this time whether the rebates offered by Efficiency Maine for heat-pumps were eligible to municipalities and if it covers replacement of existing ones. He had an email to them and waiting for clarification.
- ❖ Perry Schwarz reported back to the committee on the lighting evaluation of the Public Works Building along with the Police Station and Fire Department as well.
- ❖ John Voltz made the recommendation that the town uses the bonding process over budgeting for energy-type projects, as the savings will pay for the bond.
- ❖ Perry was going to check with the Town Manager on the status of the street lighting and putting the energy project into a bond.

- ❖ Carrie Gilbert recused herself from the remainder of the meeting to avoid any conflict of interest in the discussions of the alternative energy proposals.
- ❖ After comparing the five bids that were received, it was determined that it would be best to ask the top three for the following requests. (1) Could you give us your final discount offer without the Rex, including the definition of the term and also advise on the project timing? Sam Milton will be sending a letter to Revision, Encore & Nexamp for a follow-up.
- ❖ Richard Parker made the recommendation that we also have them work with the same amount of usage to keep the final offers as fair as possible.
- ❖ Perry Schwarz also thought we should ask to see how long the proposal would be good for. This would give us any time needed for Council approval.
- ❖ Sam Lipman had posed the question if Encore was checking-in with anyone on the project and felt it would be beneficial if maybe the committee is updated as it moves forward.
- ❖ John Voltz had suggested the committee get some direction from the Council on what role the Energy Committee plays in town's pursuit of climate goals.

### **Public Comment**

- ❖ No public present.

### **Adjournment**

After hearing no further comments, John Voltz made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Sam Lipman. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:30 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

- ❖ Thursday 3/25/2021 at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Perry J. Schwarz