

**Town Of Truro
Energy Committee Minutes**

March 11, 2024

Present: Chair Brian Boyle, Vice Chair Bob Higgins-Steele, Members Harry Irwin, and Lindsey Wilson.

Opening and Call to Order:

The meeting commenced at 5 PM, with public comments as the first agenda item. There were no public comments.

Updates from DPW Director:

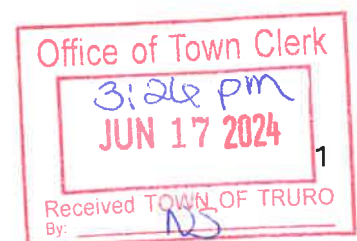
- Jarrod Cabral, the DPW Director, provided several updates on current and future projects.
- Safety Facility: The contractor has been given a notice to proceed, with the expected completion by the end of June, barring adverse weather conditions.
- Moisture Response: Jarrod will forward Weston & Sampson's response on moisture concerns.
- Library and Community Center: Over the next five to six years, these buildings will need siding replacement, window replacement, and other maintenance similar to the safety facility.
- Consultant Proposal: Jarrod plans to propose hiring a consultant to evaluate facilities for decarbonization as part of the next year's CIP.
- Small Design Requests: Minor design adjustments are needed for Snow's Field and Town Hall.
- Collaboration with Cape Light Compact: Jarrod is working with Cape Light Compact on decarbonization and will share the draft RFP for feedback.

Discussion on Consultant and Cost:

- The potential benefits of having a consultant for long-term facility planning were discussed. This approach is expected to save time and money.
- A placeholder budget of \$200K for the consultant was mentioned, with adjustments possible based on feedback and further evaluation.
- Lindsey asked for clarification on the consultant's scope of work.
- Bob inquired about the budget and the RFP process for smaller projects.

Climate Leaders Program:

- Bob provided an update on the Climate Leaders Program, discussing the potential for enhanced grants and the Town's progress on meeting the criteria.



- The necessity of adopting the Whole Government Approach for meeting the program's requirements was emphasized. A motion was proposed and passed to present this approach to the Select Board for approval.

PowerOptions Presentation:

- A presentation on ownership and lease options for solar arrays at the transfer station and other locations is scheduled for March 25, 2024.
- Potential sites include the transfer station, library COA parking lot, and school parking lot, with estimated capacities provided.

Next Steps:

- A follow-up meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2024, to review the PowerOptions presentation.
- Discussion on a climate stabilization fund and the need for a dedicated line item in the budget for future energy projects.
- Motions approved unanimously for presenting the Whole Government Approach and Climate Leaders requirements to the Select Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Brian Boyle

