

Chebeague Island Town Facilities Committee

Jan 26 2023 @ 6 PM Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

Attendance

Vika Wood, Jean-Louise Beaupre, Ralph Munroe, Tim Opalenik and Beth Wiles. Chris Loder and Dave Brunner were absent.

Public Comments

Michael Porter, representing the Broad Band Committee, joined the meeting to discuss where the Broadband Committee stood regarding the electrical upgrade and the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds . Micheal indicated that Broadband had no interest in the ARPA funds. He went on to explain that if the upgrade of the electrical was to be done in late summer and the power was run to the central office it would prevent duplicating services. In an email dated Jan 9, Micheal also explained "whatever form the Broadband Committee takes whether a shed, or a pole barn, or just cabinets on posts it will be covered by our budget".

Updating Electrical Panel

The committee moved this agenda item to the current discussion. The committee was given the estimate noted in our Feb 22 minutes, of \$6500 for the panel plus an additional \$15,000 for excavation and laying the lines. Discussion followed regarding a backup generator, Micheal Porter was asked if the Broadband Committee might share in the cost. He agreed that it was very possible and would discuss this at a Broadband Committee meeting .

Dec.7 2022 BOS meeting

The BOS unanimously voted for Port City's plan "B" . Their vote was based on all the compelling information and costs presented to support the Building and Facilities Committee's recommendation. Plan "B" design is for the future plan to build a new Fire and Safety building across the street and use the current facility for Chebeague's Town Office

American Rescue Plan or ARPA funds Port City Services

Vika Wood, Town Administrator , reported that there is \$36,000 actual funds from a grant that could be used to make improvements in the Town Office space. With the BOS agreeing on plan B this allowed funds from the current architectural funds budget of aprox. \$5,000 for a workup by Port City.This work-up would show a practical design to improve present spacial and storage needs for the short term .

Dec 21,2022 BOS meeting

The BOS voted unanimously to direct the Building and Facilities Committee to pursue planning with Port City a design to improve the current Town Office spacial and storage needs using ARPA funds

Port City Update

Vika has made Port City aware of the BOS support of plan B and the design needed for updating current needs for the town office . Vika is waiting for a date when they will be coming to the office to review needs.

Efficiency Maine CIP-FON-010 grants for small Municipality retrofits

The committee is also involved in participating in the above grant. The opportunity for our municipal building would be retrofitting heat pumps and installing led lighting. The committee was emailed Bob Earnest's notes regarding the information and needs of the retrofitting

The Small Municipality Retrofits CIP FON-010-2023 is located on the website efficiencymaine.com.

Key grant points

- Eligible entities will be limited to municipalities with a population under 5,000 residents based on 2020 census data.
- Deadline for submission is August 25, 2023
- Municipalities are required to participate with a Maine Efficiency approved partner to do the work.
- Scope of work must be approved in advance as well as the finished product by Efficiency of Maine.
- Project scoping assistance by Efficiency of Maine can be requested at no cost.

The committee will ask Bob Earnest to participate in the grant effort with us. Vika will also update Port City and get their feedback on the design needs .

Federal Grants for Fire, Rescue and Safety building construction

The committee discussed research and grants that maybe available Grant writers were discussed and perhaps the need for one for Town projects

Future Agenda Items :

Grants available

All members were asked to research grants and share in information

Electrical upgrade

Plan to reach all needs

Next Meeting Date :

Meeting date will be decided as soon as Port City has visited the Town Office and made suggestions via a rough draft .

To Do :

All committee members

Review grant options and present some ideas

Bo Beaupre

Update committee on the cost for the Electrical panel , placement and what else will be needed.

Beth

Put a meeting together with Bob Earnest and Vika to discuss Retrofit Grant and placement for heat pump solution