

Eastport Energy Committee  
Port Authority  
Minutes  
May 14, 2025

1. Call to Order: 1303, Attendees

Chair- Jeanne Peacock

Pat Christopher

Vice - Michael Morse

Zoom - Meg Devonshire, Ex Officio

Sec - Victoria Ganz

Zoom - Brenna Cohen, Island

Institute

Dale Devonshire

Zoom - Amber Bloom, Island

Institute

Chris Carol

Dave Dineen, new member

2. Adjustments to the Agenda: None

3. Review Minutes, April 23, 2025. Needs budget report attached. MM/VG Accepted

4. Old Business:

a. Chris Carol to follow up with Sy Coffee as a guest speaker.

b. EPA Prize for High School, terminated. See Energy Prize 1 discussion.

c. Ron O'Brien, guest speaker with a hybrid vehicle cut away, possible field trip; September 19th or 27th, 2025, tbd.

5. New Business:

Meg: a. Window Dressers dates, October 7-12. Two people are signed up on the website. Approximately 170 windows thus far. Meg is creating spread sheets to keep track of people with window inserts et al. Much discussion about a 38 window request. The committee clarified that window inserts are for heated living space only. Meg to follow up on this request. Meg has two heat pump meetings later this week. She has had numerous declinations. There are a few homes that need 2 heat pumps. Committee discussed allowing incentives for 2 heat pumps per home, \$2000.00 total. Motion: DD/CC, VG abstained, passed

Brenna asked Meg to track the hours necessary for coordinating a Window Build. With training, thus far Meg has clocked approximately 50 hours.

b. Can Energy Prize 1 (\$22,377.85 remaining) cover Hybrid Water Heaters and Insulation? Per Brenna, yes with the same stipulation to provide invoices for all equipment and installation, by June 15th. Island Institute will take proposals if

the installs can't be finished by June 15th. Brenna to follow up on what happens to unspent Energy Prize 1 monies. This money may also be used for the Washington County Youth Leadership Group at Shead High School for Emergency Storm Kits, up to \$1,700.

Motion: Set rate of incentives \$500.00 for Hybrid Heat Pumps and \$1000.00 for Insulation. VG/DD Passed

Brenna reported Energy Prize 2 will be \$44,000.

c. Chamber office - no further need to rent this space.

d. Compensation for Window Workers and Supervisors, same as last year. \$25.00 to Supervisors; \$20.00 to volunteer workers not receiving inserts. Charities this year include: Senior Center, Labor of Love Food Bank (GEECC), Art Center, Peavy Library, Friends of the Boat School. Motion: VG/MM Passed

e. Summer Break until September, Jeanne, Michael and Brenna to meet as needed. Motion: DD/VG passed

6. Open Forum:

a. Chris Carol - could we use extra Energy Prize 1 money to replace appliances with Energy Star rated appliances. Excellent idea, however, the same June 15th stipulation applies. Much discussion of the timing for this venture with finding clients and advertising. Deemed not possible at this late date.

b. Michael Morse - Planning board questioning the need for a 180 day moratorium on additional Solar Farms in Eastport. Table until September.

7. Next Meeting: June 11, 2025, Sy Coffee guest speaker, Governors Energy Office, if available.

8. Adjourn: 1435