

Eastport Energy Committee
Port Authority
Minutes
November 12, 2025

1. Call to Order: 1300

Attendees:

Jeanne Peacock - Chair

Deb Pigeon

David Dineen - Vice Chair

Pat Christopher

Victoria Ganz - Secretary

Pete Lehmann

Chester Jenkins

Megan Stark

Guests: Brenna Cohn and Sonja Leone, Island Institute

Dr Sharon Klein

2. Adjustments to the Agenda: Item g, New Business, nominate Deb Pigeon as new member.

3. Review Old Minutes - CJ/VG Accept minutes from August 13, 2025 an September 10, 2025.
Passed unanimously

4. Old Business: Electric Car Presentation by Ron O'Brien is moved to Spring, TBA.

5. New Business:

a. Dr Sharon Klein, UNM. Please see Summary attachment from Dr Klein. Jeanne will discuss with City Manager for City approval, likely needs to go before City Council. Dr Klein to attend next Energy Meeting via Zoom, Dec 10, 2025 and send more information on Kartorium. Lastly, Dr Klein will set up a meeting with Kartorium, Pete, Chet and Dave to attend once scheduled. Motion: Continue discussion with Dr Klein, CJ/DD passed unanimously.

b. Window Dressers Build Pete/Meg Wraps - 266. Re-wraps - 7 resize - 11. Hazy inserts were do to double layer plastic. The plastic wasn't opened to single layer. Some will go to Calais build in February. Three households will be included in Calais build as well, Linda Lingly, Pat Phillips and Nadine Nemece. Suggestion, Meg, don't breakdown so quickly and allow time to rewrap while we still have all the jigs. We have finished early 2 years in a row. Pete and Meg have been doing rewraps without jigs which is difficult.

c. Nov 20, 2025 Community Sustainable Energy Meeting (UMO), Pete to continue to attend, monthly. Agenda will focus on community vulnerability and goal setting.

d. Collin McCullough completed 8 energy audits, week of September 20th.

e. ETIPP meeting Oct 22-23, Jeanne attended. History - ETIPP started with the feasibility of a micro-grid for Eastport. 10 million dollar purse (5m Versant, 5m Federal Grant money) to supply battery back up power during outages. Estimated 3-4 hrs of battery life per outage for the City. Once the batteries were charged, remaining energy went back to Versant power grid. This was not reasonable for Eastport. Versant backed out, project didn't go forward.

October ETIPP meeting was very informative. Held at Island Institute offices in Rockland. Best portion was on Grant Writing, meeting other community members working on Energy and visiting Islesboro Island.

f. Accept resignation of Pat Christopher, so sorry to see Pat go.

g. Welcome new member, Deb Pigeon. Her acceptance will go before City Council tonight, (Nov 12th)

h. Jeanne to discuss with Mr King regarding the breakdown of the 200k Energy distribution. Eastport portion was 40k. Jeanne is looking for a full financial breakdown.

Open Forum - None

Next Meeting - Dec 10th, 2025, 1300 hrs Port Authority. Meet new Island Institute Member.

Adjourn - CJ/DD passed

Summary Dr Sharon Kelin:

The 2-3-year limit is based on what Jay from the company Kartorium said their company typically provides for a contract like the one they have with UMaine for this project. Basically, as far as I understand it, that is the amount of time that is included in the price paid to the company through the grant UMaine manages because there is a cost incurred by the company to store the data and present it in a certain way. But, the UMaine electrical engineering team is planning to have a separate way to store and share the data for longer. And, Kartorium is planning to provide the data to Eastport in a format that Eastport can store indefinitely in their own way. It's only access to the Kartorium database/interface that will be limited to that time frame, as far as I understand it. Those details would best be discussed directly with Kartorium and the UMaine electrical engineering team in the upcoming meetings because they would be able to provide more specific answers related to their data storage capabilities, and we should write that information in the data agreements we all co-design together.

Further down the road, there are no financial obligations to the City that I know of, except for any data storage costs the City may choose to incur to store the data they receive from Kartorium in whatever way they choose. I don't imagine there being costs associated with how the City decides to store the data because they could just store it on a single existing computer at a basic level, but the City may want to do more with the data, and anything they choose to do with the data outside of what Kartorium and the UMaine electrical engineering team are already planning would be at the City's expense. The City could also choose to do nothing with the data.