

ST. GEORGE SELECT BOARD & ASSESSORS
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 4, 2017

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Members present were: Richard Bates, Chairman; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, and Tammy Willey. Also, present: Tim Polky, Elizabeth Curtis, Alan Miller, Nick Martin, Cyrus Sleeper, Gerry Cushman, Scott P. Sullivan, Wendy Carr, Robert Cremonni, Randy Cushman, Ben Fernald, Jack and Karol McGee, Nat Lyon, James Wotton, Dan Davis, Brett Schwab, Gregory F. Morris, Jr., John J. Crane IV, Dillan Cushman, Scott Lord, Joshua Flourde, Larry and Diane Bailey, Gary Libby, Glen Libby, Rick Rockwell, John and Brenda Hansen, Sandra Dickson Coggeshall and Joss Coggeshall, Chris Chadwick, Doug McLennan, Steve Thomas, Donald Wilson III, Travis Simmons, Erik Waterman, Andy Cousens, Robert Morris, Jacob Johnson, Gary Hatch, Ronald Hall, Sr., Jonathan Achorn, Donald Young, Anita Siegenthaler, Carl Schwab, Evelyn Blum, and several others.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Edited and non-verbatim) Glen Libby gave a report on Economic Contribution, Maine's Food Industry by the University of Maine. Libby had written a report and distributed it to the Select Board. He said he had attended wind meetings for several years and wondered what the net amount was. "If you take away bottom from fishing, what is the gain? What are we taking away for food? I might have made some errors in some of these calculations, but you can see this is the value of landings for the State of Maine in 2016. It was a pretty good amount of money.

The report goes like this. I tried to assign a value to the bottom and in talking with Randy, I found out that one floating wind turbine with the anchor system would take up one square mile. I used that as a common denominator. There are 36,000 square miles of ocean bottom in the Gulf of Maine. Maine (seafood) landings 2016 was \$721,197,482.00 divided by 36,000 square miles equals \$20,033 per square mile, per year. The value multiplier from the other report, to take into account the shore side jobs and the added value from seafood as it comes ashore, there are a couple there that you could have used, but I used a more conservative one at 2.35 and that brings you up to \$47,078 per square mile, per year. This is spread out over the whole Gulf of Maine. That was the only way I could think to do it, but it is probably not total reality because you're fishing where these things could be cited, is going to be more concentrated. The impact will be larger to fishing but for the sake of this report, it covers every square mile and assigns the same value to it. 'This solely includes fisheries value landed in Maine. The values will be much higher when you consider landings from the Gulf of Maine and other New England ports,' and it will. I don't know what that number is, but it is going to be considerably higher. 'It is also important to consider that the ground fish fleet is at a low point at this point in time. With the recovery of key stocks like American plaice well underway, and a haddock biomass increasing rapidly in the Gulf of Maine, the ground fish fishery numbers will be much higher in the near future.' You can see from the pie chart that the ground fish is pretty low right now, 0.8 in 2017. It used to be much, much higher. It is going to start climbing back up. 'The Northern Gulf of Maine scallop fishery is going to have a quota increase in 2018 to 500,000 pounds up from 70,000 pounds. This will generate and increase in fishing revenue of approximately \$6,000,000 when you apply the 2.35 multiplier. That is based on our \$13 a pound average price for scallops which isn't out of the question (boat price). That equals \$14,100,000. It says it is another approximately \$400 per square mile of value to the 39,000 square miles of fishing area in the Gulf of Maine. This brings the total fishing revenue per square mile to \$47,478.00 annually, including the shore side multiplier without the increase in ground fish landings. The net profit value of one wind turbine, 20-year average is \$42,526.57.' There is a table provided which I copied onto an excel spreadsheet and it shows the projection of the value the wind turbine and it also shows the cost which, to me, shows what the shore side businesses would be, so you don't need a multiplier to that because the cost is what people were paid to build the thing and install it and maintain it. It goes on to say and I used one square mile. 'In reality, the majority of fishing activity is much more concentrated in the areas where the

potential wind farms will be constructed. This would generate a much higher square mile value for fishing activity in those areas and increase the negative impact of fishing, significantly.'

Net profit from this report for the 20-year life span of the turbine is \$850,531.50. This is based on a one square mile footprint of the floating turbine based on the AV project for the floating turbines and anchoring systems. Net profit from fishing activity on one square mile in the Gulf of Maine, excluding expected increase in ground fish revenue over 20 years, including the multiplier for shore side infrastructure and jobs is \$994,560.00. This would result in a net loss of \$99,028.50 of fishing revenue per 20-year period for each turbine, constructed. This takes revenue away from Maine's seafood industry and redistributes it to wind farm operators at a reduced value per square mile of ocean. This summary does not include potential loss of fishing grounds for new cable areas that would have to be established for wind farms offshore. That concludes my food for thought report."

Chairperson Bates: "Glen, the scallop number of 14 million. Is that based on the 500,000 pounds or is that based on the 70,000 pounds?"

Libby: "That is based on 500,000."

Chairperson Bates: "The limit of 70,000 is not what could be caught but what the limit is?"

Libby: "They're going to increase the quota. There is an overall quota for the northern Gulf of Maine. It goes up to 70,000 and is going to 500,000."

Gerry Cushman: "Richard, I want to ask you, because you have it on your agenda. On the update on the ad hoc committee and the study for potential impact on that, would you please put that first on the agenda? It would probably slow down the public comments, and we could just move into it, if you move it first on your agenda. If you were willing to."

Chairperson Bates: "That is an interesting idea. I would like to have the opportunity for public comment because the Select Board meeting, itself, strictly speaking is for the Select Board. We can look to the audience for comments, but I would like to keep that at the normal procedure which is strictly for the Select Board. I would ask that the comments be made now."

G. Cushman: "People may hold back their public comments to talk about the impact of Aqua Ventus if they knew it was going to be first on the agenda. We are going to make public comments, here and then you can go for your agenda, and we have to wait the whole time and then you could talk about it amongst yourselves, as most of this group leaves. The majority of this group is here for one thing and one thing only."

Chairperson Bates: "Let me assure you, with the approval of the Board, as soon as we've got through public comment, we will change the agenda order, so we will have the discussion of the Aqua Ventus project and the cable between Monhegan and Port Clyde as the first item on the agenda, if the Board approves."

Blum: "Could you clarify when you get to some agenda item that people in this room do have an interest in, will there be an opportunity to speak again?"

Chairperson Bates: "Strictly speaking, the rules of the Select Board, the answer is no."

Blum: "Any speaking would be now? Is there a time limit?"

Chairperson Bates: "It is generally limited to 30 minutes but given the number of people that are here, I think we will need to go beyond that. I ask again, if there is public comment?"

L. Bailey: "This is more of a question than a comment. It is for you as the liaison for the Planning Board. Almost 2 ½ months ago, I turned in some documentation requesting the town to review and put to a public vote - a revision to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Two and one-half months ago, and I have not heard a word from anybody, at all. Can you tell me the progress?"

Chairperson Bates: "Let me be precise about the point of public comment is but I understand and that is a good question and if the Board agrees, I will answer that question. Okay. The answer is the Planning Board is looking at the ordinance and the purpose, for example, of Monday's meeting when an electrical engineer from SGC came in was to educate them on the issues of Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and what they need to cover. Prior to that, they had a meeting with the Bristol attorney who helped draw up their Shoreland Zoning Ordinance modification in 2014. The Planning Board has been somewhat preoccupied with other things in Port Clyde and they are volunteers like many other people on boards and committees and when 9 o'clock comes around, they like to close up. They have been working on this, and I am confident that they will continue to work on this. At the last meeting, which was the 28th of November, they left with the decision that Anne Cox and Michael Jordan were going to make the first draft of the new ordinance. They were going to be meeting at the next Planning Board meeting which is the second and fourth Tuesdays. They will be discussing it further and then they will be running it past the attorney to get it checked. That is continuing, and I am sorry you have been left out of the loop. It was an oversight."

L. Bailey: "I will interject myself in the future."

Chairperson Bates: "Planning Board meetings are public meetings. Evie came at the last meeting and she sat through it and at other times, other people have come. Other public comments?"

Gary Libby: "I am a commercial fisherman. I wanted to speak about the cable coming ashore. Throughout my life, I have fished around that area and it will restrict some of the places that we used in the past because we hear things around the dock that are untrue, so I am not exactly sure. Some of them might be right. I am not exactly sure of all the plans for this, but it is like the piece of paper I got in the mail, it is going to interact with quite a few of us. That is why you are getting a lot of people here, because everyone is concerned."

Chadwick: "By interaction, you mean restrict. It is going to restrict us from fishing where we usually fish."

Gary Libby: "But it's partly the fear for us, as much as, we are going to lose this. Now what's the next thing we're going to lose? This is our thought. If you consider our thoughts and our fears, I would be thankful."

Chairperson Bates: "Most definitely. If the Select Board would let me comment on that question? As I understand it, Aqua Ventus intends to survey the cable route they would like to have and their most ideal outcome. I stress, this is what I am told. Their most ideal outcome is that by a combination of burying the cable and areas where they can't bury it, they would cover it with matting. With a most optimistic scenario is the fishing could continue over that cable throughout that whole stretch of that route. That depends on the results of the survey and the engineers need to look at that and discover whether it can be buried adequately. They talk about a trenching scheme where you have jet that blasts a trench and then it covers over and other areas where it would be covered. I understand that is the most optimistic scenario. I don't believe anybody knows what the outcome would be, but until the survey has been done, I think it

is speculation. If it was to prevent fishing in that area, then we all, on the Board, understand that would impact our town and the livelihoods many people here tonight. That is not good."

Glen Libby: "No."

Chairperson Bates: "I think we all understand that, and we are all very sensitive to that but until the survey has been done, we don't know. We could just say no, we don't want the survey to go. I think we are morally obliged to have that survey done and get the result and see what it is. It is up to Aqua Ventus"

The public: "Morally? What morally? You, maybe."

Chairperson Bates: "Let's keep to public comments."

Rockwell: "You said morally."

Public member: "What morally dictates that?"

Rockwell: "Yes. That sounds very personal, to me."

Thomas: "its money, it's not moral. It's money."

Chairperson Bates: "Do we have another public comment?"

Rockwell: "You don't want to answer that? My question is what morality? Thank you. Whose morality?"

Bates: "Sandra?"

Rockwell: "Really? Unbelievable."

S. Coggeshall: "This is a good time for me to ask you, Richard. I mentioned to you that there is a group that is starting the Civil Discourse workshops and is this something that the Select Board would like to be interested in having the town do? Civil discourse workshop helps train people to speak civilly in meetings like this or in your home or wherever you need to speak nicely and effectively. Is this something, remember we talked about it."

Chairperson Bates: "It is certainly something which I think we all need to keep in mind as we discuss this very personal issue to so many people in the town. I think right now we are committed with the scheme that we have with the focus that we have in the coming weeks on this issue. I think the lessons of civic discourse are certainly applicable to these sorts of meetings. We are all going to live in this town probably for the rest of our lives and we are going to see each other around town and we owe it to each other to be civil. And while we have strong feelings, I think we need to be respectful of people's opinions and separate the person, the people from the facts."

R. Cushman: "I think most everybody's here, especially fishermen and anybody that is involved in the fisheries in this town are here tonight just because the project itself and the cable coming ashore about what is going to happen afterwards. I think that is probably our largest concern. When you think about it, one of these turbines is going to be 575' tall, roughly 58 stories high. The platform is 110' tall by 300' across, approximately. Then the anchor is going a half a mile out from three different directions from there."

Chairperson Bates: "It's huge."

R. Cushman: "Yes. It is huge. When you read about it and they compare it to Block Island that is not a fair comparison. That is like comparing Flat Ledge Hill to Mt. Katahdin. When you look at it from the fishermen's view, there is no way and I don't care if you are a lobsterman, if you are a ground fisherman or if you are a shrimp fisherman or a scalloper, the four main fisheries in this state, there is no way you're ever going to be able fish around these things. They are enormous. Can you picture this on land? Seriously. Just in the town of St. George, approximately 21 to 25 of these would fill up the whole town of St. George. Can you image navigating around these? Just driving around them. Now you are asking a fisherman, in the future if these go through, hopefully they won't, because if they do, it's not a good scenario for us fishermen in this room, right now. The reality is, when they start advertising 156 gigawatts of renewable energy in the Gulf of Maine that is a scary thought. That is 26,000 of these things. Five thousand megawatts by the year 2030? That is almost 840 of these things. Now you picture, like I just said, the town of St. George. If you put that much out here by 2030, you've pretty much eliminated all the fishermen from Pemaquid to Stonington. Hands down. Hands down. That's a lot of area. This is nowhere near; it is not fair to compare these to Block Island. These don't belong out here in the Gulf of Maine. We have a food source out here. This is not fair. Then you get Aqua Ventus saying recent news that we're out to ban the cable. It is going to hurt the islands and all of this. Well, that is intentionally misleading. This has nothing to do with that. We have been working around these cables for years but these cables never (unintelligible) threatened to take all our fishermen out. This does, in the very near future. This is a huge threat to us. Everybody sitting in this room, right now. It is not fair to us. This is a way of life. This is a cultural. This is what this town is. This is the heart of this town."

Chairperson Bates: "Thank you, Randy."

G. Cushman: "I just want to say the meeting last week and I am going to be nice as possibly, was a bunch of bullsh.t. We had a bunch of questions that Randy and I asked to Chris Rector when you held the meeting. He came with a piece of paper and said he'd answered the questions. He never gave us a chance to counteract with his answers. That is bullcrap. The other thing I want to say it bullsh.t about that meeting. It was Aqua Ventus' engineers that came there and gave their story. All of the stories were bullsh.t. We talked to CMP today; there are no blackouts down here. They said in our life time, they don't plan on changing any of the telephone poles from Rt. 73 to Port Clyde. Blackouts don't exist down here. They may occasionally have hiccups, but everybody does. There is way more energy areas that need way more than what we need, so you can't use that for an argument. You, yourself, used that. Which was crap; it's misleading. It's lying. It's lying. The second thing I want to say about Aqua Ventus surveying this cable area? I don't care if they are burying it. I don't care if they put boulders all over it; you are still disturbing our bottom. That is our bottom that we fish. You're going to tell me, burying and running cables up and down isn't going to disturb our bottom? That is still impacting us, and we still don't know the affects. I don't even want them to survey. I don't want them to bury anything. I just want them to go away and the one person, I truly believe that is standing in my way, is you! We've got 300 signatures; we wanted this to go to a town vote. There are other towns Friendship, Cushing nearby. They want to know is St. George going to allow this to come in. We're not just impacting St. George. We are impacting towns that are friends next door. Take this to a town vote. We are taxpayers and let us vote and get this over with. Don't stand in the way! Quit playing games with our lives! You think Kevin Lipson gets mad. You stand in front of these guys, in front of their kids and their livelihoods and you're really going to see mad! And, no we won't be living here in harmony next to each other because some of us will be gone." (Public clapping.)

C. Sleeper: "I am from South Thomaston. I fish the 11-Mile Ridge which is basically going to be impacted by the first wind farm. I want to make you aware of what is going to happen when these wind

farms start going in. There's fishing gear in that area almost year-round and when that fishing gear gets displaced, it is going to go somewhere else. Aside from me selling out my business and moving out of the state to find a job because God knows there is nothing for me here after this, I am going to take my gear and I am going to go west to Friendship. I am going to be battling with some of these guys that I see back here. I am going to have to go to Vinalhaven. You are basically going to take a town like Friendship, a town like Port Clyde, South Thomaston. You are going to be butting heads. It is going to happen. If you don't realize that now, then you don't have any idea what you are looking at. So, if you think that this cable is alright to go out there and start this process forward, you need to be able to look at me in the face and say that you don't care about my livelihood. You need to look at Gerry; you need to look at all of us."

Chairperson Bates: "Point of information. You are talking about the wind turbines that Aqua Ventus is proposing or the wind turbines that are being..."

Sleeper: "This is just the first step. You let it start rolling and you'll...(unintelligible)"

Rockwell: "Thank you very much. I have been coming to these meetings for some time. The very first indication that I was personally (unintelligible) exposed to was a drawing with regard to a remake of the town landing. When I asked a question as to what structures were there, I was told to ignore all that. It's not really going to be on the drawings. Since that time, there have been only expressions of disapproval and a lot of very compelling reasons associated with it. There have been numerous, and they have been very broad. Yet, I think everybody in this room probably shares my own personal feeling that this train, these tracks are laid, and the only decision is to go fast or slower, but it is going the same direction. My question to you is what information would compel you and this Board to change what is apparently a direction to move forward. What information?"

Chairperson Bates: "Your comment is?"

Rockwell: "It's a question. My question is what information; quantifiable, scientific, emotional however you want to characterize it. What information would the Board respond to in order to stop this endeavor? What would be the nature of the information that would cause the Board to embrace the comments which, 100% in coming from this audience directed towards the Board and to yourself?"

Chairperson Bates: "I know the intention is that the Board will talk about the issue of the proposed cable running between Port Clyde and with the two turbines proposed by Aqua Ventus in the meeting. In anticipation of that, I will tell you that the Board feels that we do not have a full story and I allude to one of those points, already. That is, the survey. If we don't know where the cable is going to go, we don't know what the implications are going to be. I heard the last speaker saying that from what he knows of this, it's going to be bad. I hear Mr. Libby saying what he knows about this, it's going to be bad. I see no problem, personally, in waiting to have the results of that survey to be absolutely sure that we have a water-tight case to say this is not good for our town. I don't see that we need to rush this couple of weeks in order to wait to get a detailed survey to know what the options are."

Public interjected unintelligible comments and saying, "That's just your opinion and can I have a follow-up question."

Chairperson Bates: "Your comment, sir, what does the Board need? I say it is information like that, we need."

Rockwell: "May I ask a follow up, please? Just one quick question. I want the answer to be as complete as possible for the sake of everybody in this room that has taken time out of their dinner hour and with

their families to be here tonight. The question is, offered in the nicest possible terms. You say that you want to make certain that you balance these goods and these bads. What is, and there is a survey, and I think the survey doesn't speak to benefits. It speaks just to functionality. I would presume that the benefits. You don't start something unless you have understand what the benefits are going to be. You wouldn't start it unless you had that clarity as to what those benefits are going to be. What do you believe the benefits are? Of having this go forward? I understand there could be a downside and there could be additional information. I understand that, but I am trying to get an understanding as to what the perceived benefit will be to the town of Port Clyde?"

Chairperson Bates: "Mr. Rockwell, we are getting into stuff that we really should be talking about in the agenda."

Rockwell: "It's not an unfair question."

Selectperson Hall: "In the update that we are going to be speaking to, I will at least, partially, address that."

Chairperson Bates: "We will get to this. So, wait a few minutes. Let's finish public comment. When we've gone through public comment, we'll adjust the agenda and we will get to this."

Delano: "I'm from Friendship and I was at your last meeting. You heard what I had to say then, but it doesn't matter where you run that cable. It doesn't matter what the survey says. It doesn't matter if you have to loop it around 14 different islands. We don't connect. We don't go anywhere. That's what is going to ruin it. As soon as we give a spot for those things to come in, there is going to be a big wind farm. It is going to be commercial development. I don't care what anybody says. How many farmers do you know that just let you dig up a big swath through their fields, so you can run a cable across? How many guys would be open to that? Would you even think about it? You just want to dig up somebody's potato field. No. That stuff doesn't happen. If this wasn't a flat calm day, you wouldn't even fit everybody in this room. Most people can't afford to keep taking days off to come and speak and say the same things over and over again. What is going on? You know this isn't going to do it. This is going to ruin it. This is going to ruin it. It's going to be done. I'm 27. What am I going to do?"

D. Schwab: "You said it was to our benefit to wait for the survey? Whose benefit is that to wait for the survey? Yours?"

Chairperson Bates: "We are going to talk about this. The Board is going to discuss it. I understand about the questions and we will talk about that."

Carr: "I checked off the little box next to your name when I voted, and I want you to represent me and all of these people in the room. We keep saying the same thing over and over again and instead you seem to be an agent, a shill, an engineer for Aqua Ventus. Why aren't you listening to each of us (audience clapping)?"

D. Cushman: "Who do you represent! Us? The Town of St. George or Aqua Ventus? We're here. We're talking! Listen! Open your ears!"

Public member: "Maybe we need to see your checking account? Are you getting some money, already?"

Selectperson Elwell: "Listen. There are a lot of emotions. Let's just keep it, civil." (audience talking)

Carr: "I don't understand. And I understand this is not a question period, it is a comment period. But each time your comment is we're going to give Aqua Ventus a chance. We're going to let them explain it. We're going to have the engineer explain to us. What about us? Sometimes engineering doesn't trump our culture, our environment, our livelihood. I want you to think about that every time because now, honestly, I'm regretting I voted for you because (audience member clapping) I don't feel like you represent us."

Hatch: "I'm from Owls Head. I have been a fisherman out of this harbor for almost 60 years. I worked for National Marine Fisheries for over 20 years and I can see the writing on the wall, what's going on. My suggestion to you, sir, you better hire somebody to do a research on this research paper that you so dearly want to see before you make a determination on what you are going to do with us. It is obvious your town is telling you no. We, sitting here collectively, know what's going to happen. The disturbance of the ocean bottom that we all make a living off of and you seem to be putting a lot of weight on a survey that pretty much is going to be rigged to tell you just what you want to hear. It is obvious, no pun intended, that you're not capable of making that determination and I question anyone here. Therefore, this town needs to hire someone that knows exactly what they are reading that is capable of coming back to us and saying these guys are right. Because I know every man and woman in this room is right with what they are saying. You really need to do that because you're not putting in a very good showing for the people that you represent."

McLaughlin: "I am on the Zone D council. I have heard Aqua Ventus from the start before they got booted out of Damariscotta. They have been lying from the start. They are running on an outdated environmental impact study. They want to run that cable through one of the most productive and environmentally sensitive places on this continent. The waters are warming up in the Gulf of Maine faster than any other place on the planet. Everyone likes to hear wind power and say that is good for the environment. All these marine organisms navigate in the dark depths by the earth's magnetic field. There hasn't been a study what that cable is going to do spread out and splitting this whole area, right in half. They don't know what migrates through there. Everything goes through them. They don't even know if stuff will swim or crawl around it. They need to do a real environmental impact study before they even entertain whether they are going to bury the cable or hang it in the air or send it to the moon. They haven't done their homework and they are operating on lies and outdated information. I know that for a fact." (audience applauds)

J. Hansen: "I have one comment to make on the turbine, itself. One, you open a Pandora's box by allowing one. The other fact is, a petition went around, and I think everyone in this room signed it. You, as Carr eloquently said, represent us. I have been in this town for 25 years. You're supposed to be representing our interests. I don't see that. We've spoken. We don't want it. Yes, I commercially fish, too. Is it going to adversely affect me? Absolutely, and everyone in here. Before you come to a conclusion that you want to continue, you have one and you open that box, you're going to have another one, and a third one. And, there is your square mileage getting bigger and bigger and bigger. The gentleman talked about the 11-Mile Ridge. I fished the 11-Mile Ridge, 20 years ago and you could barely wedge a trap in. Now, you want to take that bottom away? You are going to make these guys travel even further. It just doesn't make any sense. You need to listen to the people who you are representing."

Sullivan: "Richard, I have two things. First, you and Jerry who were at the meeting last Monday know I was pretty frustrated at that meeting. Let me explain why I was frustrated. I sat at a Planning Board meeting, and you said what the Planning Board felt it needed was an independent, engineering assessment of the technology that was going to go in. What we got instead was a meeting hosted by Aqua Ventus, with Aqua Ventus slides and the chief engineer on the cable landing and the cable infrastructure from Aqua Ventus."

Chairperson Bates: "From SGC."

Sullivan: "From SGC, who did the engineering design for Aqua Ventus. So, Richard, what you said in the Planning meeting was, we are going to have an independent engineer from SCG. It was going to be a couple of guys who haven't done any work on this project that happened to be in a cubicle in the same office as SGC. I want to read a portion of a note that Josh Plourde, from Aqua Ventus sent to someone here in town about that meeting. 'At the request of the town, we (meaning AV) have scheduled an electrical engineering informational exchange on May 27th from 6 to 8 at the town office.' To me, we are just not getting the straight story. Either they (SGC) lied to you or you mislead the town on what was actually going to happen at that meeting on the 27th. The other thing I would like to say is at that meeting on the 27th, I don't remember who it was, but the lead project engineer, I think, stood up and said, there would be no further windmills from AV. That struck me as odd because I think we all know that AV intends to do large scale wind development around the Gulf of Maine. I went on their website and I found this which I guess was written by Josh because it is right above his name. The caption is 'What Comes After New England Aqua Ventus I?' It says, 'Successful demonstration of the technology has the potential to lead to 500 megawatts scale project, placed in U.S. Federal waters. Maine Aqua Ventus is committed to not developing a larger scale project within 10 miles of the inhabited island or peninsula along the coast of Maine.' When I read that, what I read is, Aqua Ventus' plan is to develop large scale wind projects around the Gulf of Maine. We ought to just quit saying that, that is not the case, Josh."

Chairperson Bates: "Okay, that's your comment."

S. Thomas: "I live in Port Clyde. This is a comment, correct? We can comment? This is a \$200,000,000 experiment and what is subject to experimentation is the viability of two floating concrete platforms. Everything else about this project is commercially proved the world over. There are turbines in commercial development and production. The cables are in commercial development and production. Everything else about this project from the anchoring system to the delivery system ashore is commercially viable. The only thing that is reputed to be experimental are two large concrete floating platforms which, by the way, have been already proved in Europe. Statoil already did it, so they get it. There is nothing that is. Look, Boeing can fly a 787 for the first time, having proved it in their computers. You are telling me that this is an experiment? What interested me about this is the money. You have a \$200,000,000 experiment. \$48,000,000, thereabouts, is coming from the Department of Energy and the rest is coming from private investors, who are all from overseas. Now, they want to get their money paid back, somehow - seven per cent (7%) a year, five per cent (5%) a year, ten per cent (10%) a year. This is a 20-year experiment, but you only need to collect data for five years, but it runs for 20 years. Why does it run for 20 years? Because somehow, somebody is getting paid back. My view of this is, this is a Trojan horse. The way to get a project like this through a town like this is to say it's green. It's green because it's got windmills and windmills are good. The Dutch have them, they're pretty, the things turn but what is green about it, is the money that flows somewhere else. Not here."

Glen Libby: "Very brief. When I did this report, I didn't know how the numbers were going to come out. It shows a net negative for Maine."

Chairperson Bates: "It's pretty dramatic. The facts, Glen, looking at these numbers that you have, averaged over all the area much of which, I am sure, is not fish. Makes the numbers (unintelligible)."

G. Libby: "It plates them towards the negative."

Chadwick: "As a townspeople, this could be bad, this could be good. Even if it is good or bad, what if we don't want it? Too bad? It's just the way it goes? We are eating AV tonight? That's the deal? Sounds like it's on its way to me. You don't have to answer, it's just a comment."

Chairperson Bates: "The Select Board does not want to do things which are disadvantageous to the town."

Chadwick: "That sounds great."

Chairperson Bates: "I know we are all elected by the townsfolk, so we have to look at the whole picture, and that is what we intend to do."

Johnson: "Why are we doing this, if we are not going to benefit anything from it? It doesn't make any sense, at all. It doesn't make any sense. Why here or why anywhere, if the place that it is going to be taking place, isn't going to benefit anything from it? It doesn't even make any sense."

D. Cushman: "What I want to know. I have a question. Just a question, okay? Please. Is this going to come to a vote? Are we going to be able to vote on this, yes or no, before you have the authority that you think you have to say, oh well, we are going to do it? How do you have that authority? Who do you represent? Do you represent the town of St. George? Who do you represent? Who do you work for? You, politicians or any of the politicians in this country are forgetting who they represent. Who voted them in? You get voted in. You think you have the power to do what you want. No! Listen to us. We don't want it! We want to vote on it. We want yea or nay."

Achorn: "I am a fisherman from Friendship and it would affect me from my understanding. My wife's also from Presque Isle. They promised a lot up there when they put windmills in Mars Hill and benefits. From my understanding, most of the benefits, they do not see. All the power goes to Canada. They don't get anything other than looking at a bunch of windmills on what used to be pretty mountains."

Rockwell: "Mine would be a repeat of one of the questions that was just mentioned by a previous comment, Mr. Cushman. Is there going to be an opportunity for the town to participate in this decision making by virtue of a vote?"

Chairperson Bates: "As things stand currently, there will be a vote on the ordinance which is being prepared by the Planning Board. Nothing else is within the purview of the town, strictly speaking. The town has no jurisdiction of the water. All that we can do as a town and I think you can see this. All that we can do as a town is say, "We don't want this, or we want it. All we can do is to speak to John Spear in Augusta and Miramant in Augusta and our senators in Washington. That is what we can do, but it is not our jurisdiction. The water is not ours, as a town."

Hansen: "I guess I have a question, then."

Chairperson Bates: "Let's keep to comments. I am responding to Mr. Rockwell about voting. I just want to be clear that we are working on the ordinance, and of course, we can come with a statement. The statement is just an expression of the feelings of this town. You cannot guarantee that it will stop it. That is the reality of it. We can make it very unpleasant for anyone coming in, but recognize that we do not have jurisdiction over what happens in the water. That is the law."

R. Cushman: "That is what we are asking. For you to make it unpleasant. That is all we are asking. To create enough (unintelligible) so AV cable cannot come into St. George." (Public talking at once.)

Chairperson Bates: "Randy, I am hearing it. So, can we just keep this to comments at this stage, please?"

McLaughlin: "They've got to have a place to come ashore. Why would we be the ones to make it easy for them? They got such a negative impact over to the westward, New Harbor or wherever it was, that it didn't fly. They found a place to land. How come they landed here? They've got to have a place to go ashore; we don't have to let it happen here. We might not own the ocean, but we own where they want to come ashore."

Chadwick: "But we own from low water to high water. You ask the town. You don't own that beach, they own it."

McLaughlin: "It doesn't make any difference."

Chadwick: "Yes, it does."

McLaughlin: "They've got to come ashore, somewhere."

Chairperson Bates: "Please, let's not have discussions (between each other). To G. Cushman: "You have a comment? No, is it a comment?"

G. Cushman: "It's a comment to Tim."

Chairperson Bates: "Hang on."

G. Cushman: "No, no. I'm talking to Tim and I will talk to him."

Chairperson Bates: "Excuse me."

G. Cushman: "Tim, I have known you since I was knee high. My first ride in my fire truck was with you. You know everybody in this room. You watched them grow up. Help us. Richard is going to screw us. Please help us, as a town manager, get this accomplished and to a vote. Please!"

Polky: "I am not sure, exactly how that vote would happen, Gerry. But I think that this Board is listening to you. I can tell you that. If it can be put to a vote, it probably will be put to a vote."

G. Cushman: "Please, (unintelligible) to a vote. We will prevail."

Polky: "I am not sure how that..."

G. Cushman: "Richard might try to fight it, but we will prevail."

Polky: "But, I am not sure how that can be done, Gerry. I know that is in the talks."

G. Cushman: "Isn't changing the ordinance, though. Isn't just changing the ordinance as easy as taking it out to a town vote?"

Chairperson Bates: "Yes."

G. Cushman: "If it is that easy, why are we not doing it?"

Public member: "They don't want to." (public talking with each other)

G. Cushman: "No! He doesn't want to!"

Polky: "The thing about the change in the ordinance, it takes a little while. It is in the works to change the ordinance. They will be working on that next Tuesday night after the regular board meeting. There will be some changes in that ordinance. I encourage people to show up. As Jerry said, there will be some proposed changes, but I encourage people to show up to that workshop and give their input."

S. Coggeshall: "You brought up a really interesting point, thank you. We are working on the Planning Board having an ordinance to control access, but you also brought up our local representatives, senators and our senators and representatives in Washington. I have found that to be more effective with the people in Washington, you really can't count on everybody in the room and the whole town to write their letters and make their phone calls because a lot of people don't do it. They are embarrassed or shy or something. A meeting where you have a vote and you get the opinion of the town, and that it sent to Washington by our Select Board, would have an impact. It really would."

Rockwell: "Thank you. You speak about the ordinance that I have not had an opportunity to see, and I don't know if anybody has seen it yet. I will ask you this. Is that an ordinance intended to define bringing those cables ashore on public and/or private land, or is it just on public land?"

Polky: "It's on land."

Chairperson Bates: "It's any shoreland. It covers the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and it's taking what Bristol has done and it is being supplemented by other things."

S. Moore: "Seems like that is something that we should fast track, not drag our feet waiting for a survey to come in. Only further, excuse me. Can I please comment? It seems like that is something we should be fast tracking and working on instead of waiting for a survey to only give them more time and more ammunition to argue back why they should."

Chairperson Bates: "The survey is a totally separate thing from the ordinance."

Public member: "How is the survey separate from the ordinance, pardon the question, if they pertain to the same thing? Which is bringing a cable ashore? A word, right?"

Chairperson Bates: "The ordinance is looking at the Shoreland Zoning and the landing of the cable. The survey is concerned with what happens in the water. Two separate things."

Public member: "They would be kind of related if they had no place to survey up to. If there was no place to land a cable, would they survey?"

Chairperson Bates: "I don't know the answer to that question." (Audience talking amongst themselves about the statement.)

Gary Libby: "I just wanted to express how I think a lot of people feel in the room about the thing you said just a little while ago about, we didn't have jurisdiction of the ocean because it is a public resource. We are part of the public resource, so in a roundabout way, we do each have a say. There are just a lot of others involved. Keep in mind that we don't really want this thing coming."

Siegenthaler: "I am not a fisherman, obviously. I would like to ask and have everybody think about what would happen if a private shore front owner, because I live at the end of Horse Point Road in the woods near the cable that goes out to Davis, Allen and Benner. What happens if a private landowner, not the town, says yes, I want the revenue? It can come here. What jurisdiction does the town have? Because

none of us in this room could oppose that except by suing the landowner. If the owner has sufficient money behind them, who of us has enough money to spend \$50,000 to \$100,000 going to court. Not too many of us. So, what happens if it is a private landowner that owns waterfront and wants the green stuff?"

Public member: "If they would get off their butts and get the land ordinance written up, then we wouldn't have to worry about it."

Siegenthaler: "I would like to hear what Mr. Bates' thoughts are about that."

Chairperson Bates: "That sounds like a question that we should cover when we discuss this item in the regular agenda. Okay, Anita?"

Jacobson: "How would they be able to do it when the average Joes couldn't do it, even if they bought a piece a property?"

Chairperson Bates: "Average Joes can bring cables ashore. They happen now. What they cannot do is build structures in the Shoreland Zoning or in the shoreland. That is the issue. What the Planning Board is endeavoring to do, is to restrict as much as the state law allows on anything that would happen within that zone."

Blum: "A procedural question. When you discuss whatever it is you want to put off and then you are going to talk about it? You put a few people off saying you are going to be discussing that but that is not a discussion that we participate in. Is that correct?"

Chairperson Bates: "That is what I am anticipating."

Blum: "Is that a yes or a no? I am not sure."

Chairperson Bates: "That is what I am anticipating."

Blum: "Could someone else tell me if that was a yes? Will we be able to discuss it?"

Chairperson Bates: "If there are points. If there are factual facts. If there are points of information that can be usefully added by members who are here, then of course, the Board will want to hear that."

R. Cushman: "I thought the question that Anita asked, could have been answered. I am still trying to figure out why you...(unintelligible). You said it was on the agenda but to me it is pretty simple. That is what we are here for. To implement a law to make it tough enough to prevent this cable from coming ashore, whether it is private or public. (unintelligible) That is all we are asking. I just wondered why you couldn't answer that question. I think I just did, somewhat."

Chairperson Bates: "We will discuss it in the meeting, but let me say. The purpose of the ordinance. The reason that Scott raised this with the Board back at the end of July was to do all that we can within the law to make it tough for a cable to come ashore. That was what was requested and that is what the Planning Board is doing. It doesn't matter whether attempts to bring it on public or private land. It would apply in both cases, although as I think I have said, and I think the Board is agreed on this, that we do not see any way that this would come ashore public land. We are talking private land and the scenario that Anita alluded to is what would happen if a private landowner decided to try and land a cable and was prepared to fight it in court. That is why we are working on the ordinance to make it as difficult as possible for that to happen."

R. Cushman: "Can't make that retroactive, like now?"

Chadwick commented that he believed the tidal was what the town owned and Carr explained in Maine, you own to the mean low water line and said that was different than any other state in the country. She explained that it was a mathematical calculation and there was an exception that if was navigation fowling or fishing, people have the right to be in that tidal zone. She said that had been interpreted fairly widely, like scuba diving is allowed and as the owner of the property, owns it.

Sullivan: "What I heard when I went to the Planning Board was that there was this belief that maybe we could thread a needle that would say we can set an ordinance that would allow a cable the size necessary to support the two windmills at the test site but would restrict anything larger than that. My comment is, I think that would be hugely ill advised for the town to come forward with an ordinance that would allow cables to come ashore from the two windmills that AV is doing off Monhegan."

Delano: "I wanted to comment, again. Maine Aqua Ventus has lied to us from day one. It has just been lie after lie. Last week there was an article in the BDN where Matt took credit for how well they've dealt with the lobster fishermen and the fishermen in the area. How good the communications have been and about all the meetings and what not, they have set up, which is complete, complete bullsh.t; it is not even close to sensible to even think that they have done a good job. Also, I said it at the last meeting. About a month ago, I was hauling my gear south of Monhegan. I don't fish inside the Monhegan Conservation Zone and all of a sudden, I come across this high-flyer (unintelligible) that says Maine Aqua Ventus on it. They said they were going to be surveying inside the Monhegan Conservation Zone and that the whole project was going to be inside that conservation zone. I come across a high-flyer out in the middle of my gear and there are thousands of traps all around. They told us it wasn't going to happen, and was anyway. Everything is that way. They can tell you what they want to tell you all day long and you can choose to believe it, but it is not true. None of it's true."

There were no other public comments.

REGULAR SESSION:

- Adjustments to Agenda:

Update of Ad hoc committee to Study Potential Impact of MAV Cable on Commercial Fishing was moved to Regular Session.

The Discussion of the Solar Panels for the Transfer Station Roof was added under Old Business.

Select Board Policy Manual Approval pp. 54-end was removed from the agenda.

County Budget Discussion was added to the agenda under New Business.

Road Safety was added to the agenda.

- Update of ad hoc committee to Study Potential Impact of MAV Cable on Commercial Fishing: At the last meeting, it was decided that Town Manager Polky and Selectperson Hall would reach out to members of the community to help the Select Board get better informed in order to make a decision on whether or not they come out and support the project. Selectperson Hall said he and Polky met with Randy Cushman a week ago to get a better understanding of some of the concerns he had. It was primarily focused on the bigger threat that wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine represent to the fishing community in Maine and other New England states.

Selectperson Hall felt that a view which is broadly shared by this Board, is the deployment of hundreds of wind turbines, willy nilly all over the Gulf of Maine, would be a disaster for the fishing community. Hall's own view is wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine are going to come, and it is going to be something that needs to be dealt with. There is an issue of trying to understand, as a town, if we want to go to the Feds and negotiate where they get placed? Can we figure out a way to minimize the impact of them, and as a town, is there a recommendation that we could make on the position that we should be taking with our Federal representatives?

Selectperson Hall said he started with the view that the Gulf of Maine is a pretty big place and that we ought to be able to figure some areas in the Gulf of Maine where they could put them that would be not too disruptive. From conversations with his brother, previously, and with Randy, he concluded that it is more complicated than he thought, but he still came back to fact that the Gulf of Maine is a big place and that we need to look at it and see if there is a way which could be figured out; because, even if the MAV project is killed, wind turbines on floating platforms are coming.

Selectperson Hall said the Statoil project that was referenced, is a demonstration project off the coast of Scotland using an alternate, floating platform technology to the one developed by the University of Maine. He said if their project is successful, Statoil's attitude is, here are other places around the world where we can deploy these, and one of them is here. He said turbines are coming and there is a fight to be had about where they are put. There is this backdrop that people want to find renewal energy so there is a lot of support for them. Senator King has been a supporter of wind power. Senator Collins has co-sponsored a bill providing incentives for people to place wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine.

Selectperson Hall said there is an education process that we need to have with these folks because they do not want to destroy the fishing industry any more than we do. There has been a strong message delivered and he felt, received. The question is, and Hall did not have the answer, but what was the task force was looking as part of this, what are some of specific issues with the two turbines of the MAV project? Is there a way to reduce, minimize, eliminate the concerns that people have with these? One of the questions, he has asked people who he's talked to, is if we prevent these things from coming ashore in town and they run a cable up the river to Thomaston, are you going to be happy with that? Are you going to be satisfied with that? He thought the answer would be, no.

Selectperson Hall said one of the things, personally he would like to do it, is to understand some of the issues a little better than he does to see if there is a way they can minimize or eliminate some of legitimate concerns that people have. Would it be better if they buried the cable and not just in waters of less than 100' but everywhere so you could fish over the top of it? He said he had questions he wanted answers to and wanted to figure out. There are a range of people that Polky and he want to talk with to see if they can figure out the answers to these issues. Again, the Select Board, as a body, may then have recommendations, take them to John Spear or Senator Miramant they could do some other things and speak as a group. If this going to happen, then these things have to be part of the requirements for them to consider this, whether it comes ashore here or someplace else. He said they went to the Planning Board, to the wind power advisory committee in Bristol, talked to these people. We talked to the attorney. The ordinance changes that Bristol enacted, he regarded as a speed bump for somebody like Maine Aqua Ventus. To put up a bond to remediate after it's done, he said, he just didn't see that as a big deal for AV. He did not think it would stop them. It may make it a little more complicated, but he did not see that stopping them from coming ashore.

Selectperson Hall said what are some of the concerns that we can do something about? Richard is right, we have jurisdiction to a degree in the shoreland zone. We don't have jurisdiction in the ocean and Maine passed a law when they put the project together which said municipalities can't pass ordinances prohibiting these from coming ashore. He said they could make it more difficult, but he did not think what Bristol did stopped it. He said if you look at the meeting minutes of the wind power advisory

committee during the time when they dropped their plan to come ashore in Bristol, he believed that MAV had already decided to go in a different direction because going up and down over the ridges that extend out into the sea, just made it too difficult to cover the cable and such. Hall said he may be totally out to lunch on this, but now he is looking at it from the point of view of - it is probably going to come ashore some place and what is there, as we as town, could take a stand on that says these are things that you need to do. He said they started the conversation with Randy, he was trying to put together an item that would lay out his thoughts on the piece and then to talk to other people to try to fill in answers to some of the remaining questions that he had." He said the message of the threat to the fishing industry has been received loud and clear by this town, and he believes it has very broad support on this Board.

G. Cushman: "Ah, one, two. Not you, Jerry. Not the way you just talked. There is a way we could beat this."

Chairperson Bates: "Excuse me, Gerry. Would you please let us talk amongst the Select Board and then if we need extra input, I will ask you? Tammy, do you have comments?"

Selectperson Willey: "You keep making the comment that it needs to come ashore, somewhere. It doesn't need to come ashore in this town."

Selectperson Hall: "Granted. I take your point."

Willey: "Or any fishing town, for that matter. Once the fights done here and they move on to another town, then they are going to have fight this. Are they that powerful?" (Audience conversations took place amongst themselves.)

Selectperson Hall: "There is a law that says you can't (unintelligible)..."

Audience conversations and laughter amongst themselves; Chairperson Bates asked the public to be quiet while the Select Board was discussing the issue.

Selectperson Elwell: "I couldn't make it to the meeting the other night, due to another obligation but what I have heard about that meeting, I think we agreed a while ago that the cable would not come onto public land. We severed our ties with Aqua Ventus, and I think we, as a Select Board, have to stop making meetings with Aqua Ventus. If we are going to have an engineer, then the engineer can't be involved with Aqua Ventus. I think as a Select Board, we've got to stop that. If they want to have a meeting with the fishermen and people, let them set it up. Use the building if they have to, but as a Select Board we have to stop. I am sorry, I agree with what they say."

Selectperson Hall: "It's okay, we do not always have to agree. The thing of it is, though. I think there is a point in the process where it would be appropriate for the town to say to Aqua Ventus directly, you guys need to bury this cable. Period. I don't think no contact is (unintelligible)."

Audience disagreement expressed.

Selectperson Elwell: "I think burying the cable. I have fished with guys that have fished over the cables. I don't think it is a guarantee. What they can bury, there was talk of cement. What's to say that cement is going to last? They don't know that it is going to last? What's to say the drags or the traps of whatever is going to rip that up and these guys are told you can't go in there because you are damaging what our property is. I just feel that we just have to stop setting up meetings with Aqua Ventus and let them battle it out with (unintelligible)."

Selectperson Hall: "Meetings are one thing. I am a believer in talking with people and setting up a meeting is a different thing. I think there was an initial request and then it was decided to make it a public meeting, so other people could come and listen if they wanted. That is how it got to be. In fact, when I went in there and saw the Aqua Ventus logo on those slides, I mean. Richard will tell you. I was not a happy man."

Chairperson Bates: "I would like to respond to that. I would like to pick up on that point and something that Scott had said in the comment period. I was very disappointed that it was presented the way it was, Scott and to everybody. It was not what I expected. "

Blum: "You shouldn't have continued the meeting."

Chairperson Bates: "My intent has been to get the Planning Board informed about the electrical engineering issues associated with the cable landing. I had asked CMP to help, and they didn't want to touch it. I looked to other companies and the company that stepped forward was SGC and I thought when it was proposed like that, the fact that it was not going to be who was working on the Aqua Ventus project but was an independent engineer would be sufficient isolation that they would give the facts. I was very surprised and disappointed that every slide that went up on the screen at Aqua Ventus on it."

Blum: "Did the firm charge the town?"

Chairperson Bates: "The town has not paid for that and I think there is some statement on the Facebook page that says the town paid for it. The town did not pay for that presentation. The intent, and I believe the Planning Board now understands more about the electrical engineer issues than they did. That was a necessary thing. I very much regret that the presentation had the overlay of Maine Aqua Ventus in that. I think it was good information for the Planning Board but disappointed about the way it was presented."

Selectperson Willey asked if the ad hoc committee was continuing and Chairperson Bates said the ad hoc committee will continue to try and understand the problem. Selectperson Hall said he would like to understand pieces of MAV project better. For instance, if there were things that could be done to reduce or eliminate its impact if it came ashore, not necessarily here but anywhere. Or the issue of being able to fish over the cable. He thought that issue could be addressed. Hall said there may be other issues that could be addressed. He said there is a vocal group that against it and that is clear. Hall said there are other people in town who have spoken to him who are supporters of wind, but did not want to stick their head up and voice their opinion on it because it is such a controversial issue. Personally, he said he would like to get more information before they said no, we should not be supportive of this. Even then, he said understand that it is not clear to him if the town had jurisdiction to stop it. If there is a potential for it to happen, he would like to see if things could be done to reduce the impact.

Selectperson Willey said they did not want it to happen and they had made it clear that they do not want it to happen, under any circumstances, whatsoever. Selectperson Hall said he understood that, but it might happen anyway. Selectperson Willey questioned that Aqua Ventus was happy with all the bad publicity? Chairperson Bates said he did not think Aqua Ventus wanted bad publicity. Selectperson Willey said to look at all the other towns starting to come to our meetings. Selectperson Hall said this issue is bigger than our town. There were numerous conversations going on at this time (unintelligible) and Chairperson Bates called the meeting back to order. Selectperson Willey felt "we had lost control. Why are we bothering?" Selectperson Hall said they will get additional information and separately the Planning Board would come forward with a recommendation on an ordinance changes.

Gerry Cushman said, "I find it weird. You are talking out of both sides of your mouth. Because earlier, you said we have no control of the ocean, but yet you are saying now, 'Well, we are going to make them

do this in the ocean.' Where the hell are you? You act like Aqua Ventus and you know what? I will never feel friendly with you ever again. Do you know what I mean? I mean, you don't think Aqua Ventus. This is what you do. You destroy communities, you destroy friends and you destroy families. So, I hope you sleep really well at night. And, Jerry."

Carr: "First of all, I don't think wind farms are a foregone conclusion. I don't agree with that at all. If you start researching that. Wind has become obsolete and they are looking to solar panels at homes, businesses. Therefore, the money goes away, and even this project with a stroke of a pen, this could go away. You take the DOE money away. They are going to be scrambling to find sources. I don't agree with your initial premise that this is a foregone conclusion, and this is going to happen. "

Selectperson Hall: "I don't think Maine Aqua Ventus is a foregone conclusion, at all. I think commercial wind farm proposals for the Gulf of Maine are coming. Whether their successful or not, I don't know. But there will be 50, 100 wind turbine wind farms proposal for the Gulf of Maine."

Chairperson Bates explained there was a difference of opinion and Rockwell said that was an assumption which Selectperson Hall made.

Carr: "I don't agree. The second thing is the language that we proposed for the Shoreland Zoning amendment had some teeth to it. It was different than the Bristol ordinance language and my understanding is that our language didn't somehow mysteriously did not make it to the Planning Board. Our language adds a way to say no to the project. For the town to say, even though you have fulfilled all these requirements and you filed the application, the information you have given us, makes it such that we don't want it here. It's environmentally insensitive. It's commercially disastrous. Whatever it is because there is an impact statement required; a hazardous and spill clean-up plan; there is a risk assessment. All of those things, gives the town coverage to say no."

Chairperson Bates made a point of information note. The document Carr was talking about was the same as Sullivan presented to the Planning Board, three weeks ago. Sullivan agreed. Chairperson Bates said that Michael Jordan and Anne Cox are reviewing all the information and will bring it to the Board at their next meeting. Carr said they gave the language to the Board in September. Larry Bailey delivered it and somehow that did not find its way to the Planning Board, so they were looking Bristol's language which arguably just creates a repository of information. She said they went one step further and said that the town got to make a choice if this was the kind of impact wanted. Carr felt the Board was ignoring the fact that we can have a role at the table; we can say no. We can say based on this information, this is not what we want for our town. Chairperson Bates will recheck to make sure the Planning Board had everything that Larry Bailey presented, Scott presented and other things that came forward.

Sullivan wanted to make a point of information. "At last Monday's meeting, we spent about two hours looking at telephone poles and wiring. If we put the fishing aside, I think it is important that Tammy and Randy understand that what we are talking with this project is 8.8 miles of telephone poles and wires being redone to accommodate an additional set of wires". Sullivan said he did not understand what the scope of that meant, so he drove from Cold Storage to the intersection Rt. 73 and counted 304 poles that would be impacted by this project. He said even if it is said there is nothing that can be done on the water, it is not fair to say this is not going to have impact on our town. "We should not be assessing whether it is something that is right for us when there is zero defined benefit for the town of St. George."

Siegenthaler appreciated what Selectperson Hall had to say and what the Board is trying to do and what the fishermen are trying to do. She agreed with Carr. Wind turbines would fairly soon be an outdate technology and then is done with all the stuff that needed maintenance and repairs. She asked what do you do with it when it is no longer functioning? She felt solar was the way to go, for the future. She

added there was big money behind wind turbines and there are big companies and it was international. She said if you cared about fishing in the Gulf of Maine, "You need to think about experimental drilling for oil platforms. You need to think about wind turbines and you need to protect the Gulf of Maine as fishing grounds. It is bigger than just the wind turbines. She asked everyone to think about the larger problem. The town could ward off something here but then something could come ashore in So. Thomaston or Searsport Island." She asked what difference would that make to the fishing grounds. "None." She said it is bigger than just here and it is a big shoreland. She recommended everyone get together if you want to protect the Gulf of Maine and protect the fishing, and tackle the big problem.

Thomas said with specific respect to the economic impact of upgrading the transmission corridor which means pulling out all the telephone poles, making them taller and hanging more wires on it. He said he would not re-invest to rebuild houses in the town until he found out what the impact of running the transmission cables up Rt. 131. He said that matter was not just particular to him. He said there is a summer community in town who has fairly deep pockets and there is a tremor going through that community saying we are not so sure that we want to invest in St. George, anymore. Thomas said what happens is they tell their friends in Washington, New York and so on, and they may be less like to buy their second, third or fourth home here. He was not sure if it was measurable but if the word were to get out that there is a big industrial project that is going to have a big footprint in St. George, he thought that would have, personally, a negative impact economically ashore aside from impact at sea.

Rockwell said any analysis that was built around speculative conjecture, particularly any one individual's point of view, is a dangerous foundation to build any conclusions and guide any actions. He said the genesis of the project goes back 20 plus years and at that time someone envisioned what the future would be at that time, from that perspective and what the solutions for the energy in the future would be. He said it had taken that long for that germ of an idea to start to manifest itself, today. He agreed with the comments which had been made and that it is a very different world. It is a distributive world where energy and technology, whether tiles on a roof, paint on a house, or windows in a house or biofuels are going to generate energy. Rockwell said centralized energy creation and distribution from a single point to many, is an antiquated construct. The construct of the future is distributed energy collection and the grid is going to be a place where excess energy is going to be delivered to places where there is not enough energy. He felt that was the future would be; a difference in perspective from 20 years ago to today. He said he would caution any analysis, any conclusions that are built on notions of inevitability. They are speculative. They are conjecture, and he believed they were inaccurate.

Coggeshall asked if anyone had information for the ad hoc committee what could they do, and Selectperson Hall said to call him.

Chairperson Bates felt all on the Board were very moved by the presentations and the statements from the fishermen and the people attending. He said they do listen and were listening to what they were, and they will come up with a fair judgment on this and will act for the best of the town. He said that is what they all pledge when they were sworn into office and that was their commitment to the community. Chairperson Bates said the Board will continue the discussion at the next Select Board meeting.

- Minutes: The minutes of November 13, 2017 were amended as follows:

Page 2, under Chairperson Bates, line 3, change to read...this is an **additional requirement**.

Page 7, paragraph 4, line 1, change to read...budget was fairly **tight** as the town currently had many lawyers **engaged on**...

Page 7, paragraph 4, line 5, change word overbudgeted to **overbudget**.

On a motion by Selectperson Hall, seconded by Elwell, it was voted 4-0 to approve the November 13, 2017 minutes, as amended.

- Communications:

- A thank you note dated, 11/27/17 from Spectrum Generations, Camden, Maine for the town's \$3,000 donation.
- A thank you note dated, 11/10/17 from Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County, Thomaston, Maine for a \$906.85 donation.

- Warrant: The warrant for the week of December 4, 2017 was reviewed and signed. The total expenses were \$148,571 and included three weeks payroll, a payment for the Planning Board Bristol Ordinance review, a payment of \$1,527.02 to the Musson Group for the Comprehensive Plan work through November 30, a payment to James Kalloch for shoulder work on Kinney Woods Road, Glenmere and Howard's Head. Under Solid Waste, a payment for 4 weeks of tipping fees, 3 weeks of transport, one CPRC tipping fee invoice, and the transfer from reserves was to cover the purchase of the forklift for the Solid Waste.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Updates on Road Paving: Polky reported that Hager had completed paving at the town office. The area in front of the Salt Shed was completed. The section of road at Turkey Cove and Wallston Road was shimmed.

Representative John Spear set up a meeting with representatives from MDOT. They met with St. George and So. Thomaston and discussed Rt. 73 and Rt. 131. Polky said some of the problems were with Rt. 73 and the shim that had been done last year. Polky said MDOT told them that they did not have anything planned, but happened to have some tonnage left and were in the area, so they repaired it. Polky said they will lay a heavier mix - a 3/8 mix pavement on Rt. 73, in 2019 and in 2020 they will do the thin overlay. The culverts will be done in 2018. MDOT has plans to do road work between Tenants Harbor and Port Clyde in 2020. It will be a limited surface mix.

MDOT said they offer a municipal partnership initiative to towns who may want to do more road work. MDOT would pay 50% of the cost of whatever roadwork the town wanted to do. MDOT estimated the cost at \$1,000,000 a mile. Another program available is a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. If the town had any businesses that wanted to pay one-third, then the town would only pay one-third of that.

- Committee Meetings:

- Appeals Board, November 5 at 6 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, November 7 at 4 p.m.

- Update on the Jersey Road: Selectperson Willey said she had a resident inquiring about the progress on the Jersey Road. Polky said he had been trying to get it situation so all four landowners would agree, but they were not in agreement. Polky said the decision was made last week for the town to divide the property into four equal pieces and let the parties deal with it. Polky will be writing up the agreement to forward to the town lawyer for review. Then the lawyer will draw up the paperwork.

- Update on the Juniper St. Garage: Selectperson Willey said she saw the garage was being worked on. Polky said some of the side doors are being changed, they are putting on a roof, a drain was dugout and a steel I-beam will be put through the center of the garage in order to get the center post out. They are waiting for CMP to connect the power. Polky said everything should be completed by the end of next week.

- MDOT meeting: Chairperson Bates commented the meeting with MDOT was depressing to see how short of money the Maine DOT is and how the taxes being levied by the State are inadequate for state

roads, which they have responsibilities to maintain. MDOT showed a map of roads in the area which they considered to be unbuilt which means substandard. That includes the road from Rt. 131, Tenants Harbor to Port Clyde. The State pointed out with the Federal Highway fund running out of money because of the problems there, they expected to be squeezed even further in the future; therefore, they would not have the funds to support the Interstate that runs through Maine. The current ratio is 80/20. MDOT said that could get cut. Bates said this was a problem which was getting more serious every year. Chairperson Bates noted that the MDOT website had very interesting data compiled on crashes and accidents throughout the state. He encouraged the Select Board to review this website. Selectperson Elwell said MDOT said they would look into several troubled road areas in St. George.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Board of Appeals: Selectperson Willey said the Board of Appeals met on November 16, 2017. There were six appeals heard as one group. There were several lawyers present. There was a great deal of testimony and the Board will be reconvening on December 5 at 6 p.m. to continue the appeals on the Wyeth Reading Room.

- Solid Waste and Recycling Committee: Selectperson Willey said they met on November 15 and reported they had a very good visit with the compost guru Mark Hutchinson from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and learned a lot. They are hoping to refine the recycling process, to have more discussions on recycling and waste, and to increase recycling. The current recycling rate is 35%. This rate has dropped considerably over the years and they are encouraging people to increase their recycling as this does save the town money. Several members will be participating in the MRRRA Conference and Trade Show at the Samoset April 2018. The members will be joined by Eva Murray from Matinicus.

- Budget Committee: Selectperson Hall reported that the Budget Committee met on November 20 to discuss the results of the work they did on explanations for the spending increase at a rate greater than the rate of inflation for the past five years. They discussed their findings and they asked for input from him summarizing the information to the Select Board. The Budget Committee will attend the December 11th Select Board meeting to report their findings.

- Harbor Committee: Selectperson Elwell reported that the Harbor committee met November 29 and are making a lot of progress. A time line for 10 Cold Storage Road had been written and the committee will be setting up some public hearings.

- Comprehensive Plan: Selectperson Elwell said Musson is finalizing the plan, and then they will begin public hearings. There will be further discussions on the funding mechanism for this plan.

- Planning Board: Chairperson Bates reported on the following items.

November 14, 2017:

- The building permit application to stabilize the land at 4 Angiers Lane was voted complete and, meeting the stabilization standards of the Shoreland Zoning ordinance, was approved, subject to being granted a DEP permit.
- The building permit application to stabilize the land at 52 Drift Inn Road was voted complete and, meeting the standards in section 15-B-5 of the Shoreland Zoning ordinance, was approved.
- The building permit application to stabilize the land at 90 Shumaker Lane was voted complete and, meeting the stabilization standards of the Shoreland Zoning ordinance, was approved.
- The proposal to expand the garage at 1181 River Road was voted complete and then accessed according to the Performance Standards, section V of the Site Plan Review ordinance; it was found to be compliant and was approved, subject to adding a vegetative buffer or extending the fence in front of the proposed addition, and contingent on hours of operation being 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Saturday, and existing exterior lighting

be down-shielded.

- The proposal to install roof mounted solar panels at 176 Wallston Road was voted complete and then accessed according to the Performance Standards, section V of the Site Plan Review ordinance, and found to be compliant and was approved.

November 28, 2017:

- The building permit application to stabilize the land at 5 Blackberry Hill Road on Turkey Cove was voted complete and, meeting the standards in section 15-B-5 of the Shoreland Zoning ordinance, was approved, subject to being granted a NERPA permit.
- The building permit application to stabilize the land at the Coffin property on River Road (map 219, lot 88, between Wildcat and Barter Point Road) was voted complete and, was approved, subject to being granted a NERPA permit, preserving a well-distributed spread of trees, and demolishing the stairs.

- Road Safety Petition: Chairperson Bates said Coggeshall presented the Select Board with a petition that she had signed. Coggeshall filed an affidavit which vouched that she had been witness to all the signatures. The town verified the signatures and that it met the requirement as a valid petition. Chairperson Bates and the Town Manager proposed the Select Board address the petition in the following way.

Timeline - To gather information on curb cuts, law enforcement, speeding devices, and street lights from the relevant parties from MDOT, state and county sheriffs. The Board needs to find out from the contractors about curb cuts. Discuss with CMP about the cost of maintaining the street lights.

Budget - The next step is to have the information ready for the budget process, starting in February in order to get it put into the town budget, then have the Budget committee and Select Board, along with all the other expenditures the town has to make.

Vote - Take it to the voters to vote on the expenditures that will be required on this petition. The town is obligated to follow through on this petition.

Once the financial costs are known, The Town Manager will present it to the Budget Committee the beginning of February. Polky said DOT, Dave Allen and the sheriff's department are in favor of this petition. The Budget Committee schedule will be posted on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on the Solar Panels: ReVision Energy recently contacted Selectperson Hall. Sampson said due to the recent wind storm, it had set their work back; they would not be able to install the solar panels and have them operating before the end of the year. ReVision will be asking the PUC to clarify the requirement for being grandfathered for this year. Hall said there are a lot of people in the same situation. The PUC would be meeting soon, and Sampson expected to hear their decision by the end of the week. Selectperson Hall expected to hear from Sampson by the end of the week on whether the town would be grandfather by the new definition done by the PUC or if the town would need to adjust the PPA. ReVision would reduce the town's purchase price of electricity and the buy out amount in year seven, so the town would be compensated for the slight loss next year. Selectperson Hall said it would keep the town whole, financially. He told Sampson he would bring it before the Board for their decision. Consensus of the Board was to accept the agreement, as long it did not cost the town any more money. Josh Coggeshall thanked the Select Board for moving the solar panel project along. Selectperson Hall thanked Joss and the Conservation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Meeting with the Committees and Boards:** Oelberger raised two questions. Under duties of the secretary it stated, the secretary shall email approved minutes any relevant supporting material to members and the town office within five business days. He suggested five working days. The Board agreed to update the wording to five working days.

The second question, Oelberger raised was in the purchasing procedures which says anything you buy has to go through the purchasing agent whether it was approved in the budget or not. Oelberger said he would ask on behalf of the Conservation Committee if some items maybe within \$100-\$300 range limit and items less, could be managed by the volunteers.

Chairperson Bates said would complicate the way the bills come into the town. He did not feel that was a good idea. Polky said occasionally the town gets a bill and they do not know where it originated and that causes a problem. Selectperson Elwell felt that could cause an accountability issue. Consensus of the Board, Town Manager and Finance Director was the procedure would not change but remain the same. Chairperson Bates will contact Oelberger and explain the Board's decisions.

- **County Budget:** Finance Director Curtis said a public hearing is scheduled for December 7 at 6 p.m. to approve the County budget for 2018. The total budget increase for the county is \$312,172 and includes a 2% overlay. The St. George share of the budget increased \$60,510. Dispatch increased \$6,353. Our state valuation increased \$24,750 which is part of the increase to St. George. The town's share of the budget for this year was 10.4%. Next year it will be 12.3%. The major items that are increasing in the county budget are building maintenance issues. They had cut that back in the last few years and they needed to do some upgrades on the HVAC at the courthouse and at the jail. Curtis had met with Nick Lapham, St. George representative on the budget committee, and he gave her a head's up on all the information. Chairperson Bates said as far as Lapham is concerned, the increases are appropriate. Curtis said these items had been put off too long and would only get more expensive if they piece meal it out over years or if they ignore it. Polky said our valuation is increasing and some of the other towns valuations are decreasing. Curtis said the state valuation lags two years.

Executive Session:

Present: Tim Polky, Richard Bates, Tammy Willey, Randy Elwell and Jerry Hall.

Motion: To go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(A) to discuss the Town Manager's performance review.

- ☐ Prop: Hall
- ☐ Sec: Elwell
- ☐ Vote: 4:0
- ☐ Time: 8:25 pm

Return to Regular Session: 8:42 pm

Motion: To adjourn.

- ☐ Prop: Elwell
- ☐ Sec: Hall
- ☐ Vote: 4:0
- ☐ Time: 8:43 pm

Richard J S Bates, Chair Person

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite R. Wilson
Select Board Recording Secretary