

## Sustainability Committee for the City of Portsmouth, NH Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 8/28/2025

Time: 6:30-8:30

Location: Conference Room A City Hall

Facilitator: Fred Calcinari

Recorder: Jessica Blasko

Next Meeting: 9/25/2025

Facilitator: Tentatively Bert Cohen

Recorder: Rhianne Tallarico

Committee Members Present: Effie Malley, Jessica Blasko, Nancy Clayburgh, Fred Calcinari, Peter Britz, Josh Denton, Rhianne Tallarico,

Members via Zoom: Colleen Spear,

Committee Members with Excused Absence: Bill Lyons, Kate Homet

Committee Members Absent: Torey Brooks, Maxson Ward, Bert Cohen

Meeting Guests: Tyler Garzo, Collin

### Agenda

- I. Meeting Minutes from July Meeting
  - A. Postponed until next month after minutes provided to committee**
- II. Community Engagement
  - A. July Community Climate Conversation- Bright Action
    1. Low attendance- only 2 attendees
    2. Did not have Facebook post about it
    3. Unclear if on PPL calendar
  - B. Potential Next Community Climate Conversation- Master Plan
    1. October?
  - C. First Public Meeting re. Master Plan
    1. September 15th in the Levenson Rm.
- III. Stakeholder Relationship Management/Project Tracking
  - A. Two documents that Colleen created
  - B. Working to develop further- if you have information to share can send to Colleen or Kate and Colleen will update
  - C. Colleen going to be reaching out to members to connect further

- D. Linking this to Community Climate Conversations and other community engagement efforts and directly reaching out to stakeholders based on topic interest

IV. Presentation to City Council

- A. Positive feedback from members there
- B. Should we seek more direct feedback from the City Council?
  - 1. Josh recommended follow up at CIP process to reinforce committee's priorities
  - 2. Advocate for priorities- email any of City Council members
  - 3. Focus on committee priorities for CIP
  - 4. **Peter B. to send out dates for City Council Meetings working on CIP**
  - 5. **Committee members work to attend these meetings**

V. Master Plan

- A. Master Plan Issues
  - 1. On page 2 of document provided for city council re CAP worksheet

VI. Capitol Budget Requests from Committee

- A. Committee voted last month to make four requests previously discussed
- B. Kate Homet and Peter Britz will submit requests to the finance dept.**
- C. October 9th- Citizen Request Review
- D. November 12 Planning Board & City Council Joint Work Session
- E. November 17th City Council Meeting Public Hearing on CIP
  - 1. **Sept. meeting determine which committee members will attend each of these meetings**
- F. Community Engagement:
  - 1. Reach out to Middle School and High School to get support: **Jess to do**
  - 2. Bike Event: September 21st for SUNDAY and use as part community engagement around CIP proposals

VII. NH State CAP

- A. Next Meetings for participation are Sept. 10th and 11th
- B. Jess to forward informational email to Peter and Kate and they will pass along to entire committee**

VIII. Other Business

- A. Speaker to present to committee during Sept meeting re: EV School Buses- Racheal Lane from Student Transportation of America (STA)
  - 1. Present for 10+ minutes plus time for questions
  - 2. Discussed questions committee members would have for presenter
    - a) Cost
    - b) Trialing
    - c) Charging for school buses- time and power

d) Cost Justification

B. Minutes for Meeting

1. Discuss again with more of a full committee

C. Committee Composition

1. Chas Sullivan has resigned due to professional
2. Consider next member to potentially have solar knowledge

**3. Peter to follow up on two applications previously submitted**

D. Solar EV Bike Charger is up in front of PPL

E. New wayfinding in the city

Next Month's Agenda

1. Approve minutes from July and August
2. Determine which members will attend each of CIP meetings
3. Presentation by Racheal Lane of STA