

Sustainability Committee for the City of Portsmouth, NH Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 7/24/2025

Time: 6:30-8:30

Location: Conference Room A City Hall

Facilitator: Bert Cohen

Recorder: Jessica Blasko

Next Meeting: 8/28/2025

Facilitator: Chas Sullivan

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Committee Members Present: Bill Lyons, Effie Malley, Jessica Blasko, Colleen Spear, Fred Calcinari, Rhianne Tallarico, Colleen Spear, Kate Homet

Committee Members with Excused Absence: Josh Denton, Nancy Clayburgh

Committee Members Absent: Chas Sullivan, Torey Brooks, Maxson Ward

Meeting Guests: Tyler Garzo

Agenda

I. Meeting Minutes from June Meeting

A. Voted unanimously to accept minutes as presented

II. 8th Grade Solar Projects

- A. Is there an opportunity to meet with them once school starts- challenging as they will be rising freshman
- B. Co-chairs to write a thank letter to students and educators on behalf of committee
 - 1. Emphasize research completed, hope for students to continue to be engaged and student position on committee, along with CIP proposal work has inspired

III. Community Engagement

- A. Bright Action Community Climate Conversation agenda is finalized
 - 1. July 31 6:30-8:30 pm at library
- B. Future Community Climate Conversations
 - 1. CAP in Fall and/or Master Plan in relation to CAP
 - 2. Plastic
- C. Farmer's Market Tabling Recap
- D. Colleen Spear's Document to build a stakeholders data sheet

IV. CAP Spreadsheet

- A. Columns Abbreviated
- B. Discussed components of spreadsheet and current presentation in relation to what should be presented at city council presentation

V. City Council Presentation Draft

- A. Effie and Jess to present on August 18th
- B. Reviewed drafted power point presentation
- C. Final presentation due August 10th to be in packet for council for meeting
- D. Unanimous vote to support committee CIP proposals being in presentation**

VI. NH CAP Participation Opportunities

- A. 2 more opportunities to participate via Zoom
 - 1. Sept 10th 5:30-6:45
 - 2. Sept 11th 12-1:15

VII. Other Business

- A. Speaker to present to committee re: EV School Buses
- B. Climate Future Postcard
 - 1. Good Resource
 - 2. Available at PPL
 - 3. Also distributed randomly
- C. Resident Parking Incentive Initiative- Failed
 - 1. Veterans Portion Passed