

# **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** May 22, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 — 8:30 PM

**Location:** Conference Room A City Hall

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Bill Lyons, Rhianne Tallarico, Nancy Clayburgh, Jessica Blasko, Josh Denton, Bert Cohen, Fred Calcinari

**Excused Absences:** Colleen Spear, Maxson Ward, Effie Malley

**Staff in Attendance:** Kate Homet, Peter Britz, Kristin Shaw (via Zoom)

**Guests in Attendance:** Tyler Garzo, John Robinson

**Facilitator:** Josh Denton

**Minutes:** Rhianne Tallarico

### **Agenda**

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes**
- 2. Community Conversation Update**
- 3. Spreadsheet Update**
- 4. Community Engagement**
- 5. Other Committee Business**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Votes / Actions</b>
Acceptance of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Motion made to accept April 2025 minutes</li></ul>	<b>Vote:</b> April 2025 minutes accepted
Community Conversation Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Future Topic: Climate Action Plan &amp; Master Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Suggested that Kate or Peter give a short overview of CAP then each 'owner' of an individual sector give 5 minute update and how it is applicable to the city</li><li>This event could be a useful input to the Master Plan</li><li>Scheduling: Ideally late Sept. or early Oct. 2025 as first public meeting for Master Plan likely to be Sept. 2025</li></ul></li><li>Future Topic: Plastic Waste</li></ul>	<b>Action:</b> Kate to reserve Wednesday July 30th 6:30 - 8:00 PM at library (Bright Action Community Conversation)  <b>Action:</b> Bill to reach out to Fred, Herb and Effie to request that they demo Bright Action at the upcoming Community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bert has contact that has talked to UN about plastic waste, should consider engaging her</li> <li>○ Highlight the health impacts of plastic use</li> <li>● Future Topic: Bright Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interactive session to educate community members on how to use Bright Action</li> <li>○ Speak to how this links back to the CAP</li> <li>○ Scheduling: Wednesday July 30th 6:30 - 8:00 PM</li> <li>○ Fred, Herb and Effie would likely be best to demo</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note: Portsmouth Climate Action wants to support the the CAP by working with this committee on community conversations</p>	Conversation
Spreadsheet Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Electric School Bus Fleet Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nancy spoke to Brian Cisneros (Business Administrator for Portsmouth School Department)</li> <li>○ Major obstacle is cost</li> <li>○ Suggestion was to look into Hydrogen buses as this is optimal long term</li> <li>○ More research is necessary on this topic</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Public Works has hired a contractor to understand how much energy could be generated by the solar landfill</li> </ul>	<b>Action:</b> Jess to ask Effie if we can ask Student Transportation of America (STA) representative of to speak at a community conversation
Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>
Other Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jess is committee liaison to Portsmouth Master Plan, should committee want to provide input</li> <li>● Junior student (Emily W.) is interested in joining the committee this summer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>