

**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**

Topic	Notes	Votes / Actions
Acceptance of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Motion made to accept April 2025 minutes	Vote: April 2025 minutes accepted
Community Conversation Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Future Topic: Climate Action Plan & Master Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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○ This event could be a useful input to the Master Plan○ Scheduling: Ideally late Sept. or early Oct. 2025 as first public meeting for Master Plan likely to be Sept. 2025● Future Topic: Plastic Waste	Action: Kate to reserve Wednesday July 30th 6:30 - 8:00 PM at library (Bright Action Community Conversation) Action: 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"> ○ Bert has contact that has talked to UN about plastic waste, should consider engaging her ○ Highlight the health impacts of plastic use ● Future Topic: Bright Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interactive session to educate community members on how to use Bright Action ○ Speak to how this links back to the CAP ○ Scheduling: Wednesday July 30th 6:30 - 8:00 PM ○ Fred, Herb and Effie would likely be best to demo <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"> ● Electric School Bus Fleet Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nancy spoke to Brian Cisneros (Business Administrator for Portsmouth School Department) ○ Major obstacle is cost ○ Suggestion was to look into Hydrogen buses as this is optimal long term ○ More research is necessary on this topic ● Public Works has hired a contractor to understand how much energy could be generated by the solar landfill 	Action: 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"> ● No updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
Other Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jess is committee liaison to Portsmouth Master Plan, should committee want to provide input ● Junior student (Emily W.) is interested in joining the committee this summer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None