**Portland Clean Energy Task Force**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Van Beynum Room, Portland Library, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 6:30pm**

PRESENT: John Rooney, Kerry Darby, Melissa Kelly, Andy Bauer

ABSENT: Heather Guilmette, Lou Pear, Morgan Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. **Chair Call Meeting to Order:** Andy called the meeting to order at 6:42
2. **Accept Agenda:**

**Move:** Kerry, 2nd Melissa

**Discussion:**

AYES: 4, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

1. **Accept March Minutes**

**Move:** Kerry, 2nd John

**Discussion:**   
AYES: 3, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 1 (Melissa not present for March meeting)

1. **Public Comment:**
2. **Old Business:**
3. **New Business:   
   Move:**

**Discussion:**   
AYES: , NAYS: , ABSTAINED:

1. **General Discussion/Communication/Correspondence:**

Heat Smart (HES and other EnergizeCT options) campaign planning. Portland’s joint participation with other River COG towns has been accepted, but funding for promotion has not yet been approved. However, there is a HeatSmartCT.org/Portland website that folks can use to get started.

Legislative Energy/Environmental Updates. SB 4, the big energy bill, has not yet been officially released, but the big worry is that certain programs that are funded through electric bills, like energy efficiency, will be switched to a bonding method of funding. Image a business operating with no idea when accounts receivable might be interrupted and one will have some idea as to the level of concern on the part of the EE vendors.

1. **Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 7:45

**Move:** John, 2nd MelissaAYES: 4, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

Next meeting June 17. Minutes taken by Andy