

**Portland Clean Energy Task Force
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023, 6:30pm
Mary Flood Room, Portland Public Library**

PRESENT: Andy Bauer, Lou Pear, John Rooney, Melissa Kelly

ABSENT: Heather Guilmette, Kerry Darby, Morgan Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. **CHAIR CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Andy Called the meeting to order at 6:41.

2. **ACCEPT AGENDA**

Move: Lou, 2nd Melissa

Discussion: None

AYES: 5, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

3. **ACCEPT April Meeting MINUTES**

Move: Melissa, 2nd John

Discussion: None

AYES: 5, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

7. **GENERAL DISCUSSION / COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Landfill Solar project update - The project did not get an initial award, but it did not get rejected outright either. It is on a 'wait list'. Allen and Rob Klee are already looking into the next round, which should open up at the end of August.

EV Charging Stations - Lou has coordinated with Allen about EV help. He reached out to Jessica LeClair of Sustainable CT but has not heard back to date. He has recently reached out to Mackey Dykes of the Green Bank.

Solar for Subsidized households - This program is soon to be launched, though progress remains slow towards introducing it to the residents of Portland's subsidized housing units.

Use Solar for Rt 17 park - In a bit of serendipity, solar panels from a house near Andy that was damaged in a fire became available. Andy received permission to take them off and now there are 40 panels ready to be installed whenever the Rt 17 project might be ready.

Inflation Reduction Act funds

BIS solar celebration - Attended by Andy and Lou who were impressed by the behavior and knowledge of the students.

Blue Earth Composting - The Task Force had heard a presentation from Blue Earth in October 2021. Shout out to the town for engaging the services of this food waste to energy outfit.

8. ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 7:14

Move: John, 2nd Lou

AYES: 5, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

Next meeting August 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Bauer