

Portland Clean Energy Task Force
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022, 6:00pm
Attend via Zoom B, link at <https://www.portlandct.org/zoom>
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PRESENT: Andy Bauer, Lou Pear, Kerry Darby, Melissa Kelly, Heather Guilmette
ABSENT: John Rooney, Morgan Kennedy
OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Phelps of Environment CT, Ryan Curley

1. CHAIR CALL MEETING TO ORDER at 6:02pm

2. ACCEPT AGENDA

Move: Melissa, 2nd Kerry

Discussion:

AYES: 4, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

3. ACCEPT Previous Meeting MINUTES

Move: Kerry, 2nd Lou

Discussion:

AYES: 4, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

5. OLD BUSINESS:

6. NEW BUSINESS:

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION / COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Lou reported from SustainableCT (Joe Dickerson). SCT is offering to Portland technical assistance towards planning Electric Vehicle charging stations. They have a matching grant program for EV installations. Portland is now a SCT Silver recognized town, we need a few hundred more to get to gold. There is a possibility that funds could be used for business EV installs also. Homework for our Task Force: come up with a list of possible spots in Portland for EV chargers. The CHEAPR program has incentives for Lower/Middle Income persons.

Chris Phelps, former Task Force member and current Environment CT legislative liaison, presented on clean energy/environmental goals for this year's session. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is looking to be revised. PACE is what Oakwood Soccer used to fund the solar array on the canopy atop their stands. The cap (amount of money towards the program) on Shared Clean Energy Facilities (SCEF) is looking to be expanded. SCEF arrays allow low/middle income residents to purchase electricity from such an array at a reduced cost. Governor Lamont and the CT legislature are discussing how to expand EV charging stations.

The Rt. 17 Park solar proposal has been accepted to the ZREC program. Allen Sabins is drawing up plans for a Request for Proposals and also is looking into ways to fund the project.

8. ADJOURNMENT MEETING at

Move: Melissa, 2nd Heather

AYES: 3, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

Minutes taken by Andy. Next meeting March 15, 2022.