

**Portland Clean Energy Task Force  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2023, 6:30pm  
Mary Flood Room, Portland Public Library**

PRESENT: Andy Bauer, Lou Pear, Heather Guilmette, Kerry Darby

ABSENT: John Rooney, Morgan Kennedy, Melissa Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

**1. CHAIR CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Andy called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**2. ACCEPT Amended AGENDA**

**Move:** Lou, Kerry

**Discussion:**

AYES: 4, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

**3. ACCEPT April Meeting MINUTES**

**Move:** Lou, Kerry

**Discussion: None**

AYES: 4, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Landfill Solar project update - Allen Sabins and Rob Klee reported that Greenskies successfully submitted the bid package for the Portland Landfill solar project into the Eversource Non-residential (NRES) solar incentive program earlier this week. Awards will be made public around Thanksgiving.

EV Charging Stations Contact - Lou, Andy and Ryan Curley met with Mark Ballou, Mark is a rep from World Energy who is available to check out town owned facilities we identify as possible hosts for EV chargers. Some sites that are top of mind include the Library/Senior Center, Town Hall, Rt. 17 Park, Brownstone Riverfront Park and the municipal lot across from the police station. There are others. Incentives exist for commercial and residential EV charger installations.

Solar for Subsidized households - Solar + Storage has been announced. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this is essentially a free solar plus battery backup offering to tenants in an acceptable facility. Quarry Heights in Portland is eligible. Andy will investigate why Chatham Court is not. A synopsis provided by Allen Sabins is attached at

the end of these minutes. Allen's company, Commercial Solar Works, is a state approved vendor and is working with the CT Green Bank on this. The Task Force was very pleased to learn of this program.

## **8. ADJOURN MEETING:**

**Move:** Lou, Kerry

AYES: 4, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

Minutes taken by Andy. Next meeting October 17, 2023

### **Solar + Storage program summary points:**

#### **Solar Incentive**

- PURA recently added Affordable Multi-Family Housing to the residential solar incentive (RRES).
- This incentive allows a solar project to receive an incentive that must be shared with the tenants (80% of the state incentive goes to the system owner, and 20% is shared with the tenants).
- This incentive is only available to tenant/building owner-metered configured buildings. It is expected that master-metered buildings will become eligible in 2024.

#### **Solar & Storage Assessment**

- CSW has been engaged by Clean Energy Group (link [here](#)) and CT Green Bank to provide a technical review of eligible facilities at no cost to the facility.
- The [Quarry Heights](#) facility is eligible for the Affordable Multi-Family Housing program.
- CSW would perform an onsite assessment, which includes a health rubric, to develop a solar and storage project that considers the state incentive and any recommendations to create a more resilient facility for those more vulnerable to power outages.

#### **Next Steps**

- The facility management must acknowledge their interest in this no-cost assessment and ask other stakeholders to participate in the relevant discussions and presentations regarding the outcomes.