

Portland Clean Energy Task Force
Regular Meeting Agenda
Van Beynum Room, Portland Library, 6:30pm, Mar 18, 2025

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

ABSENT: Melissa Kelly, Morgan Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. **Chair Call Meeting to Order:** Andy called the meeting to order at 6:53
2. **Accept Amended Agenda:**
Move: Lou, 2nd John
Discussion:
AYES: 5, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0
3. **Accept Nov Minutes**
Move: Kerry, 2nd Heather
Discussion:
AYES: 5, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0
4. **Public Comment:**
5. **Old Business:**
6. **New Business:** Andy is requesting reimbursement for Solarize Kickoff snacks.
Move: This was tabled at Andy's request.
Discussion:
AYES: , NAYS: , ABSTAINED:
7. **General Discussion/Communication/Correspondence:**
Landfill solar project Update – the project continues to edge forward; projected start of construction is still 1st quarter of 2026.
Solarize program Recap – Four homes went solar, four went with batteries (one did both). Andy had expected (hoped for) more, as in his opinion, while federal support for incentives for clean energy has been solid for decades, it is now uncertain.
Legislative Initiatives – the programs supported by the Combined Public Benefits Charges are, for the time being, safe.
Heat Smart (heat pump) campaign – Portland has applied (along with other River COG towns) for a Community Partnership Initiative grant that will be used to boost outreach for EnergizeCT programs.
Andy is meeting Wed with a solar vendor to discuss options for the Library's sun-drenched roof.
8. **Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm
Move: Lou, 2nd Kerry
AYES: 5, NAYS: 0, ABSTAINED: 0

Next meeting April 15, 2025