



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH NH
Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

June 8, 2023

Attending: Chairman John Tabor, Allison Tanner, Kevin Charette, Ben D'Antonio, Peter Somssich, Tom Rooney, Peter Britz, Kate Cook. Not attending: Peter Rice

1. Chairman Tabor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Congratulated PEAC and thanked members for their 18 months of work to accomplish Portsmouth Community Power launch.
2. Report on launch rates (15.8 cents) and membership: 12,000 customers enrolled with
 - a. 50 opt-outs
 - b. 70 opt-ups (44 to 100% green; 22 to 50% green)
 - c. 50 opt-ins from third-party
3. CPCNH update – Kevin reported Clifton Below has prepared 20pg complaint to PUC on utilities' delays in implementing community power (e.g. 11th hour requirement for individual community billing IDs) that cost Wave 1 communities an estimated \$4 million in savings. Still obstructing net metering although PUC may punt the discussion to the Electric Data Interchange (EDI) committee to decide on those who do not sell their solar back to the grid.
4. Discussion about building more awareness and encouraging more opt-ups
 - a. Interview 100% green customers to profile their decisions
 - b. Remind people how easy it is to opt-up now that they're PCP customers
 - c. Model sustainable goals for Portsmouth
 - d. Yard signs for those who chose 100% green
 - e. Bar chart and "Did you know?" (e.g. PCP secured \$800,000 in reserves in just 2 months; With 100% green an average Portsmouth household saves 6 tons of carbon) in City newsletter
 - f. Sustainability Committee is talking about PCP
 - g. Climate Action Forums also discussing
5. August rates offer additional messaging opportunities
 - a. Opt-up to options that are still less than the Eversource rate (true for all but 100%)
 - b. "Pay forward" the savings you've achieved to give back to Portsmouth
 - c. NH Saves still available through Eversource
6. Future work for PEAC before BRC sunsets:
 - a. Legislative support for community power so both CPCNH/Clean Energy NH and City are advocates
 - b. Measure, message and maximizing opt-up and opt-in across communications channels
Fall 2023:
 - c. Federal, state and other grant opportunities for renewables projects

- d. Dialogue with CPCNH CEO to discuss vision for Coalition and community power energy projects – although use of joint reserves not for a few years i.e. until target reserve amount is met. At maximum reserves for CPCNH then communities can start using reserves for discretionary projects
 - e. Net metering update
7. Meeting schedule – PEAC may not need to meet monthly. Meet in July to discuss Aug 1 rates and messaging strategy but then wait until Sep or Oct unless there is pressing business. Reminder that PEAC members can send one-way information but email discussion violates quorum rules. Send message to chair and BCC other members who then will be unable to ‘reply-all.’

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.