

**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE
PRACTICES
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**June 24, 2021 MEETING
6:30 – 8:30pm**

Conference Room A

Minutes

- I. Members present: Bert Cohen, Cliff Lazenby, Ben Doyle, Maya McKinnon, Darla Mahoney Valentina Giordana, Peter Britz**
- II. The Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from May 27, 2021**
- III. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Community Power Update: The works session with the Portsmouth City Council is scheduled for August 9th. There will be a planning meeting on July 9th with the City Manager, Public Works Director and some members of the Committee. The goal of the meeting is to educate the council on Community Power and the benefits for the City. Councilor Lazenby praised the work of the eco club and their participation in the presentation to the City Council.**
 - 2. Portsmouth Drawdown Update: Review of the initial meeting of Drawdown and the follow-up work by the plant based food group, the solid waste group and the international group that has continued since the first drawdown meeting. Discussed adding a section about drawdown on the website for the Committee and highlighting the fact that it is a new focus of the Sustainability Committee**
 - 3. Priorities for 2021: Bert mentioned that the priorities should focus on tipping points and the importance of educating the public about where we are with reference to specific tipping points as well as promoting drawdown actions. Using drawdown as a guide can lead to community awareness and directions for change. The Committee maybe members Becca and John could come up with a specific set of drawdown actions that could be taken by local residents.**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT at 8:30pm**