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Councilor Larry Pritchett
City Council
City of Rockland
Rockland, Maine 04841

September 4, 2015

Subject: Maine Freedom of Access Act request

Dear Mr. Pritchett

This letter is a request pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 408, the Maine Freedom of Access statute, to inspect at your office and to copy as necessary the following records: Meeting notes, records, letters, faxes, emails, attachments, phone notes, phone logs, photographs and other written and electronic records **written, received or recorded by you to or from any source, between July 28, 2015 and September 4, 2015, inclusive, that pertain to the proposed natural gas cogeneration power plant and related pipeline proposals being considered in or connecting to Rockland.**

If you choose to deny permission to physically inspect or copy any of the requested records, please state the reason for the denial, including the appropriate legal citation(s). If you need additional information to locate any of the documents requested, please call me at 691-7485 or email me at coastwatch@gmail.com

Friends of Penobscot Bay looks forward to receiving your acknowledgement within five (5) working days of your receipt of this letter, as required by 1 M.R.S.A. 409 (1).

We prefer to inspect, review and copy these requested records at the city office. However digital copies are acceptable provided they are in searchable-text pdf format except where not possible (maps, photo images, etc.). Please contact me to set an appointment to review these records. Contact by phone at 691-7485 or by email: coastwatch@gmail.com

Sincerely

Ron Huber

Ron Huber, Executive Director
Friends of Penobscot Bay

cc Brenda L. Kielty, Assistant Attorney General, Public Access

Larry Pritchett

From: Amy Files <amy@wilderbydesign.com>
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 15:52
To: Larry Pritchett
Cc: Brooks Winner
Subject: Rockland energy consumption

Hi Larry,

I am guessing you are very busy — I haven't heard back from the last couple of emails I wrote. I hope you are having a nice summer...

I'm cc'ing Brooks in case he may be able to answer some questions as an energy committee member and local energy associate for the Island Institute...? I am also cc'ing Nate Davis as an interested Renew Rockland member.

1) I have been asking around, and so far been unsuccessful in tracking down the amount of energy (electric) that Rockland uses. This could be total Kilowatt hours per year — basically for all residents, town etc. I have a call into CMP where they sounded like they might get back to me — but it doesn't sound definite so I thought I'd follow-up with you again. I'd like to know as when we are discussing this region's (and our city's in specific) needs, it seems like an important figure to understand...?

2) What is the official status of the power plant proposal? Since the original vote — where the way it was described, made to sound like there'd be ample opportunity for conversation (and multiple workshops!) — it feels as though we've had zero... except for that one additional presentation from Evan which felt kind of a duplicate to the first. Is this project still in the works? Are they still looking at other locations? When is the next workshop? And will we be voting on this in November?

3) I'd really love an official "state of Rockland Energy" from you and/or the energy committee to post on Renew Rockland's Facebook page... as you may or may not know a small, growing, group of us are working on multiple initiatives — including solar sharing, a community educational effort to encourage efficiency and conservation, as well as lobbying our local, state and federal governments to encourage Maine to provide incentives for renewables that at least match the surrounding states. We are very (!!) excited to hear about the new solar farm proposal... and hoping to partner with the city on some of these initiatives that we'll be working on — it would be very helpful to us to get some kind of official report/update on where you see Rockland's current energy needs and what our future goals are.

Thank you!!!!

Amy

542-4858

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Brooks Winner

From: Brooks Winner <bwinner@islandinstitute.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 17:26
To: Larry Pritchett; 'Pearce, Bill'; 'Peggy Coyne'; 'deborah donnelly'
Subject: RE: Energy Committee > Meeting > Tomorrow > Wednesday > 8/5 > 5 PM > Recreation Center > Tower Room

Hi Larry,

I had a meeting pop up on my schedule for tomorrow at 4:00 in Topsham, so I probably won't be able to join the meeting unless I could join by phone. Would that work? I just ran into Audra at Rock City and would like to discuss plans for the next forum on natural gas/EMI/REC.

Sorry for the late notice.

-Brooks

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From: Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:35 PM
To: 'Pearce, Bill' <billpearce@roadrunner.com>; 'Peggy Coyne' <pntcoyne@gmail.com>; 'deborah donnelly' <debdonnelly40@gmail.com>; Brooks Winner <bwinner@islandinstitute.org>
Subject: Energy Committee > Meeting > Tomorrow > Wednesday > 8/5 > 5 PM > Recreation Center > Tower Room

Hi All,

I got confirmation a few minutes ago for the Tower Room at the Rec Center.
As we discussed the meeting will start at 5 PM.
Please let me know if you cannot attend.

Best
Larry
594-8806

Larry Pritchett

From: Larry Pritchett
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 16:26
To: 'Audra Caler-Bell'
Subject: FW: Woodard and Curran

I left a message for Dan.

From: Michael Stoddard [<mailto:michael.stoddard@efficiencymaine.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 15:43
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: FW: Woodard and Curran

Larry, either of these folks (below) would be good additions to your panel.

1. Dan Kelley, VP, Woodard and Curran
dkelley@woodardcurran.com
774-2112
2. Mike Chonko, Principal, SMRT Inc.
mchonko@smrtinc.com
321-3865

Best of luck,
/Michael

From: Ian Burnes
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 3:30 PM
To: Michael Stoddard
Subject: RE: Woodard and Curran

I would go with these two names. Both would be equally good.

Ian Burnes
(207)-213-4149

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Melissa A. O'Neal

From: O'Neal, Melissa A. <moneal@preti.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:44
To: larrypritchett.council@gmail.com
Subject: Panel Discussion

Importance: High

Larry:

Tony has asked that you please send a synopsis of the event and what exactly you'd like Preti to discuss and how long they will have to discuss it. He's meeting with the members of his practice group tomorrow and will add this speaking engagement to the agenda. Any other information you could share would be very much appreciated.

Best,
Missy

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Larry Pritchett

To: O'Neal, Melissa A.
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

Morning Missy,

Let me start by saying once all participants are confirmed, the City intends to review the topics and adjust the format based on the areas of expertise and interest of the presenters as well as any suggestions from the presenters. The following (also in the attached PDF) is an outline of what the City is working to develop.

Date & Time

Either Tuesday 8/18 or Wednesday 8/19. Slight preference for 8/18 but can do 8/19 if that works better for Tony or someone from his team. Start time can be 6:00 PM, 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM depending on travel schedule of presenters.

Participants

The other confirmed participants are Public Advocate Tim Schneider and CLF Attorney Greg Cunningham. The City reached out to both Dan Kelly at Woodard-Curran and Mike Chonko at SMRT to see if one of them could talk about the technical aspects of developing a CHP project. But, we have been playing telephone tag so far.

In short the panel will be either three or four people. The City wanted to keep the panel small so each had time to speak and each would have time to respond to all of the questions (if a panel member desired to do so).

Format

City folk are meeting Thursday afternoon to discuss format a little more. The assumption is this will be a two hour program. Ten to fifteen minutes for "presentation" from each member of the panel and the remainder of the time for questions and discussion.

To keep the forum focused and to allow the forum to cover the material and topics as thoroughly as practical the City is leaning toward having questions submitted ahead of time (online electronic) and/or submitted on cards half way through the event.

Background

As Tony is aware, several years ago when Hannah Pingree was Speaker of the House, there were many discussions about extending a natural gas distribution line into Rockland from either Windsor or Searsmont. That effort to bring natural gas to the Rockland area stalled for a variety of reasons.

To meet air emission goals, FMC converted to natural gas (trucked CNG by XNG) last fall. This spring EMI (the company that proposed Cape Wind and the company that developed the CoGen facility in Rumford) approached the City about developing a CHP plant here.

The CHP plant, which is proposed to be built on City land, would be a primary anchor user for extending a natural gas distribution line into Rockland. The CHP facility as proposed would supply base load electricity to the grid and possibly supply electricity to some users on a local micro grid near the facility.

In addition the City is exploring with EMI the potential for developing some form of District Energy system that would supply steam (or hot and chilled water generated from the heat recovered from the gas turbines' exhaust) to both the City's industrial park as well as the City's water front commercial area.

On May 26th, the City's Energy Committee held a public forum with EMI on this project. As additional background information I have attached a PDF that contains both EMI's slides from the May 26th forum as well as the questions raised by the public on each of the topic areas covered that evening.

Forum Topics/Focus Areas

Because this is a large project (\$220 Million) and because the project is proposed for City land, the City is hosting public forums to help the community understand the questions and issues involved with a project like this.

The August public forum/panel discussion is NOT about the details of the EMI proposal. This forum is about the energy, economic, environmental and regulatory context in which this project is being proposed.

As Tony knows, specialty manufacturing remains a key strong component of Rockland's economy (Sabre/Back Cove Yachts, Fisher Snowplow, Lonzo, FMC, Steel Pro, O'Hara Corporation, Bixby & Co, etc.).

One of the reasons for inviting Tony was to have someone who could speak to the role energy costs in general, and natural gas in particular, plays in keeping specialty manufacturing viable and recruiting new businesses in that sector.

As noted at the beginning the City is still refining the topic areas (and welcomes suggestions from presenters). A partial draft list of topics in below. As is obvious from the items listed, Tony could speak to several of these and would be a good person to discuss/debate these with other members of the panel.

How Does Energy Cost And The Availability Of Natural Gas Impact Specialty Manufacturing In Maine?

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How Does The PUC Typically Evaluate The Potential Environmental And Cost Benefits Of Long Term Contracts To Supply Electricity?

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What Should The City Do To Help Insure Significant Benefits Of A CHP Project Like This Remain In The City?

What Steps Is The State Taking (& Should The State Take) To Insure Methane Losses From Natural Gas Transmission & Distribution Lines Are Low?

Questions?

Since this memo is now two pages and since when we both are at the Legislature before EUT Tony always accuses me of providing too much detail, I'll stop here. If Tony has any questions my cell phone number is 594-8806 and Audra Caler's cell phone number is 505-1384. Audra is the City's Economic Development Director.

Thanks!

Councilor Larry R. Pritchett
Chair, City Of Rockland Energy Committee
LarryPritchett.Council@GMail.Com
Phone: (207) 594-8806

Larry Pritchett

From: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 12:09
To: 'Dan Dunkle'
Subject: RE: power plant forum

Understood. I had wanted to get it out today. Best laid plans and all that .

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Dunkle [<mailto:ddunkle@courierpublicationsllc.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 12:13
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: RE: power plant forum

OK, thanks... I ask only that you please release it by Tuesday morning or I might end up missing it for this next paper coming out!

Daniel Dunkle
News Director
The Courier-Gazette, Camden Herald and Republican Journal
594-4401 ext. 122

From: Larry Pritchett [larrypritchett.council@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 12:03 PM
To: Dan Dunkle
Subject: RE: power plant forum

Hi Dan,

We had to delay a planning meeting for this because one party was sick. I plan to talk about it Monday night and I expect the press will get a press release either during the day on Monday or first thing Tuesday. It will be either 8/18 or 8/19.

Larry

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Dunkle [<mailto:ddunkle@courierpublicationsllc.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 12:09
To: larrypritchett.council@gmail.com
Subject: power plant forum

Hi Larry,

Do you have the dates nailed down for the next power plant forum? I know we had talked about it briefly and you had mentioned it at the city council meeting.

My cell is 706-6530. Thanks

Daniel Dunkle
News Director
The Courier-Gazette, Camden Herald and Republican Journal
594-4401 ext. 122

Larry Pritchett

From: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 15:26
To: 'Audra Bell'
Cc: 'Brooks Winner'
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

So Island Institute at 4 PM? See you both then!

LP

From: Audra Bell [mailto:abell@ci.rockland.me.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 14:48
To: 'Larry Pritchett'
Cc: 'Brooks Winner'
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

Sorry Larry – I forgot to “reply all” to Brooks’ earlier email. I can make it tomorrow afternoon.

Thank you,
Audra

From: Larry Pritchett [mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 2:45 PM
To: 'Brooks Winner'; 'Audra Bell'
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

Hey Brooks,

If you hear from Audra, could you send me a text to my phone? I am heading to a meeting across the street at 3 PM and may not see email. If I don't hear from you, I'll walk over at 4 PM today. How long is your call today? Could we start a little late? I can shuffle stuff tomorrow afternoon (so long as I know by early tomorrow morning).

Thanks!
Larry
207.594.8806

From: Brooks Winner [mailto:bwinner@islandinstitute.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 12:23
To: Audra Bell; 'Larry Pritchett'
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

Hi Larry and Audra,

I just realized that I had switched a call from yesterday to today at 4:00 without moving it on my calendar. Would it work for you to meet sometime tomorrow afternoon? I'm available at 4:00 then as well.

Brooks Winner
Community Energy Associate

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From: Brooks Winner
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:06 AM
To: 'Audra Bell' <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>; 'Larry Pritchett' <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

Sounds good. See you then.

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From: Audra Bell [<mailto:abell@ci.rockland.me.us>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Brooks Winner <bwinner@islandinstitute.org>; 'Larry Pritchett' <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

That would be great – I'll see you both at the Island Institute at 4.

Audra

From: Brooks Winner [<mailto:bwinner@islandinstitute.org>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:43 AM
To: Larry Pritchett; 'Audra Bell'
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

I can book a conference room here at the Island Institute if that works for you, Audra.

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From: Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:39 AM
To: Brooks Winner <bwinner@islandinstitute.org>; 'Audra Bell' <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

Hi All,

Where should we meet? Island Institute? City Hall? Library? It would be easier for Brooks and I to meet

downtown somewhere.

Larry
594-8806

From: Brooks Winner [<mailto:bwinner@islandinstitute.org>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 09:36
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

I'm available at 4:00 today.

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From: Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 6:10 AM
To: Brooks Winner <bwinner@islandinstitute.org>
Subject: FW: Energy Forum Press and Format

Hey Brooks,

Audra and I could meet any time after 11 AM today. What works for you?

Larry

From: Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 14:55
To: 'Audra Bell'; 'Brooks Winner'
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

I have a Rockland Main Street Board Meeting at 3 PM, but I could skip that if that is the only time Brooks was free. I am free from Noon until 3 PM.

Larry

From: Audra Bell [<mailto:abell@ci.rockland.me.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 14:20
To: 'Larry Pritchett'
Cc: 'Brooks Winner'
Subject: RE: Energy Forum Press and Format

Hi Larry & Brooks,

Can you both meet sometime tomorrow afternoon?

Thank you,
Audra

From: Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 8:40 AM
To: 'Audra Caler-Bell'
Cc: 'Brooks Winner'
Subject: Energy Forum Press and Format

Hi Audra,

Do you have time on either Thursday or Friday to meet with Brooks and I to talk about a press release about and the format for the next forum. Also, have you heard from Tony Buxton?

Thanks!
Larry
594-8806

7 Aug Notes: B Winner, L Pritchett Meeting, A Caller was not able to attend.

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Be clear what each panelist is going to speak to:

Tim: Statewide context for natural gas for rate payers? Is new generation capacity need? On what scale is the need? Local grid constraints? PUC review process? Public opportunity for comment? How does the PUC review the value of term contracts?

Tony: Background on omnibus energy bill? How Does Energy Cost And The Availability Of Natural Gas Impact Specialty Manufacturing In Maine?

Greg Cunningham: DEP/EPA permitting? Comparable scenario? Better reference than Rumford? What is this replacing? How does one weigh natural gas?

Questions: 10-15 each speaker /15 minutes questions between each speaker

Larry Pritchett

From: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 09:28
To: 'Brooks Winner'; 'deborah donnelly'; 'Peggy Coyne'; 'Pearce, Bill'
Cc: 'Audra Bell'
Subject: DRAFT > Please Review > 5/26 Forum Materials
Attachments: 2015_05.26_EMI_Slides_Energy_Committee_Notes_Public_Forum_Merged.pdf

Hi All,

Attached please find what I hope is a final draft of the materials from the May 26th public forum. Since all of EMI's slides were "wide screen" (i.e., would print to legal/8.5x14 paper in landscape orientation), I took Brook's notes and changed the orientation and size to match.

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Please review and get back to me so the City can get this up on the web site soon. Once I get all suggested corrections/edits, I will (time permitting) add bookmarks to the PDF file for the major sections (it is 27 pages long)

Larry
594-8806

Tony Coyne

From: Peggy Coyne <pntcoyne@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 17:54
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: Re: DRAFT > Please Review > 5/26 Forum Materials

Looks good Larry. Thanks for doing this. No major problems with it.
Tony

On Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 9:28 AM, Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com> wrote:

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FOAA Note:

The PDF containig the slides and notes from the 5/26 forum is on the City's web site with materials from that public event

Larry Pritchett

From: Larry Pritchett
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 20:38
To: 'mchonko@smrtinc.com'
Subject: Rockland > Energy > CHP > Email > Attachments
Attachments: 2015_08.12_Energy_LP_Council_Memo_CHP_District_Energy_DRAFT_9Aug2030hrs.pdf; 2015_08.06_Rockland_Energy_Committee_Pritchett_Memo_Forum_Buxton_Preti.pdf; 2015_05.26_EMI_Slides_Energy_Committee_Notes_Public_Forum_Merged.pdf

Hi Mike,

As a hedge against a weak cell signal, I am sending some relevant documents attached to an email separate from the email to you about the forum. As noted in my other (text only) email, the following documents are included here:

(1) A more detailed memo sent to Preti-Flaherty on the project and the forum; (2) The slides and summary notes from the May 26th public forum; (3) A draft background memo the Energy Committee is preparing for Council (not yet sent and with only three sections complete) covering topics related to CHP facilities and District Energy.

Thanks!

Councilor Larry R. Pritchett
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Phone: (207) 594-8806

FOAA Note:

All documents listed as attachments are included with other emails in this compilation PDF binder

Larry Pritchett

From: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 20:40
To: mchonko@smrtinc.com
Subject: Rockland > Energy > CHP > Questions > No Attachments

Hi Mike,

Thanks for the phone calls. According to Brian, you seem to occasionally be checking office email even though you are on vacation. So I'll try a note so we don't both have to have cell service at the same time. By introduction I am a member of Rockland's City Council and chair of the City's Energy Committee.

Two Questions:

I will start with the two key two questions and then provide the background behind the questions: (1) Is there someone at SMRT (Michael Stoddard suggested you; Brian mentioned Paul Stevens or Kate Everett when he realized you were on vacation) who would be available to participate in a public forum here on the evening of 8/19?

And, (2) if the City was looking for a company to provide a third party technical review (or assist with any municipal components that develop) of the proposed CHP facility and the related district energy/district heating system would SMRT be interested in doing that?

Background:

In late March of this year the City was approached by Energy Management, Inc. (EMI, the company behind the Cape Wind project and other projects) about the possibility of constructing a natural gas fired combined heat and power plant (initial proposed size of 76 MW) in the City.

If constructed the proposed CHP facility would be constructed on one of two municipal parcels. In May the Council approved a very limited option to EMI (i.e., the option does not bind the City to sell land to EMI nor bind EMI to buy the land; the option just precludes the City from selling to others during the evaluation process).

In concept the proposed CHP facility would supply base load electricity to the grid (CMP/Emera), potentially supply some electricity to a local micro-grid, and supply steam (at least) to some/all of the City's industrial park and some/all of the City's Tillson Waterfront Avenue Commercial area through a District Energy system.

Public Forum:

Because this is a large project (\$220 Million) and because the project is proposed for City land, the City is hosting public forums to help the community understand the questions and issues involved with a project like this.

The City's Energy Committee held an initial public forum with a representative of EMI on May 26th. The forum planned for August 19th is intended to address some of the broader questions raised at the May 26th meeting.

The August public forum/panel discussion is NOT about the details of the EMI proposal. This forum is about the energy, economic, environmental and regulatory context in which this project is being proposed.

The other confirmed participants are: (1) Tim Schneider, Public Advocate before Maine's Public Utilities Commission; (2) Greg Cunningham, Director of Conservation Law Foundation's Clean Energy and Climate Change program; and (3) Tony Buxton, the chair of Preti-Flaherty's Energy & Utilities Practice.

SMRT Involvement In Forum:

A CHP plant combined with a local district energy system is a complex project that raises a range of questions in the community. I got your name when I asked Michael Stoddard who would be a good person to describe in general terms what a CHP facility is and what the benefits of the this type of system could be.

The City had hoped to include a blend of energy, utility, environmental perspectives in this forum. Many of the questions and issues have technical, policy and fiscal facets. I apologize for the late request. It took the City a while to identify the participants and begin to narrow in on dates.

Attachments:

I do not know how good your internet connection may be, so I will keep this email (fairly) short and am sending all support documents attached to a separate email. That second email has attached to it:

(1) A more detailed memo sent to Preti-Flaherty on the project and the forum; (2) The slides and summary notes from the May 26th public forum; (3) A draft background memo the Energy Committee is preparing for Council (not yet sent and with only three sections complete) covering topics related to CHP facilities and District Energy.

Forum Date:

The date of the forum is Wednesday evening August 19 in Rockland. The City is checking with all participants on Monday to see if there is any strong preferences between a 6:00 PM, a 6:30 PM, or a 7:00 PM start time.

Many thanks for taking the time to call back on your vacation. I should be reachable Monday morning (and much of the day Monday). I have a City Council meeting starting at 6:00 PM Monday evening.

Thanks!

Councilor Larry R. Pritchett
Chair, City Of Rockland Energy Committee
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Andy O'Brien

From: aobrienfreepress@gmail.com on behalf of Andy O'Brien
<aobrien@freepressonline.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 09:24
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: Re: Energy Forum > Rockland > 8/19

Thanks, Larry. I will put this on the calendar.

On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 9:20 AM, Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Andy,

As a follow up to the May 26th public forum, the City's Energy Committee and the Community Development Department will be hosting a follow up public forum next Wednesday (8/19). The press release is not yet done (a few key logistics details are still being worked out).

But, I wanted you to know as you plan space in this week's paper. Confirmed participants are Tim Schneider (Public Advocate), Tony Buxton (Preti-Flaherty) and Greg Cunningham (CLF Clean Energy program director). There may be one more. Should have all the details in the morning (if not sooner).

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Dan Burgess

From: Dan Burgess <dburgess4@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:45
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: Re: Energy Forum > City Hall > Wednesday > 8/19

Yes, thanks for the heads up!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 9:29 AM, Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Dan,

The City is planning a follow up public forum on the combined heat and power plant project for next Wednesday (8/19). Some of the logistics are still being worked out (like start time, probably 6:30 PM). Are you available to record/broadcast this event?

Larry
594-8806

Larry Pritchett

From: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 16:19
To: 'Audra Bell'
Subject: FW: Panel Discussion

FYI

From: O'Neal, Melissa A. [mailto:moneal@preti.com]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 14:58
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

Hi Larry!

Great! You can email me any questions and I'll be checking in each day... no worries! I hope it warms up a little! ☺

Thanks again,
Missy

Melissa A. O'Neal
Special Projects Coordinator
PretiFlaherty

From: Larry Pritchett [mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 2:55 PM
To: O'Neal, Melissa A.
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

So take this email as confirmation for the 19th. Tony has a good bio on the web site, so that should do on that point for the press release. City folk are meeting this afternoon to discuss structure. Should I email you any questions we have? Or someone else? Don't have too much fun on the island . . .

Thanks,
Larry

From: O'Neal, Melissa A. [mailto:moneal@preti.com]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 12:57
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

Hi Larry! I just got in from a dr. appointment. My apologies.

Tony will attend and can do the 19th. Please let me know what you need from me.

Thanks!
Missy

Melissa A. O'Neal
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PretiFlaherty

From: Larry Pritchett [mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 12:30 PM

To: O'Neal, Melissa A.
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

Hi Missy,

Just checking in quickly. I am out to a lunch meeting. Back about 1:30.

Many thanks!
Larry

From: O'Neal, Melissa A. [<mailto:moneal@preti.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:31
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion
Importance: High

Ok, sounds great. I'd like to get this coordinated and wrapped up by tomorrow as I will be out of the office next week and have limited access to email. I will have access, but only about once a day. If you're from Rockland, you're probably familiar with the ferry terminal, etc.! We leave from the terminal on Saturday morning and head to Creihaven for the week... ☺ My email access is limited to about once a day when we walk ¾ of a mile to our hostess' home where she gets an internet signal.

I will be in touch and thanks again for your patience!

Missy

Melissa A. O'Neal
Special Projects Coordinator
[PretiFlaherty](#)

From: Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:27 AM
To: O'Neal, Melissa A.
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

Thanks Missy,

First thing tomorrow would be fine. The City needs to get press releases for print media out by noon on Monday (i.e., local weekly papers). Just so long as we can get the 1-2 sentence sound bite for the press (and bio) tomorrow that should work. The City can discuss in more detail what Preti would do at the forum at some point next week.

Larry

From: O'Neal, Melissa A. [<mailto:moneal@preti.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:18
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion
Importance: High

Larry – thanks very much for this information. I've passed it on to Tony for him to go over with our Energy Practice Group team today at their meeting.

I will be back in touch by tomorrow morning. I'm sure we will be able to work something out. If you need to know prior to tomorrow, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Missy

Melissa A. O'Neal
Special Projects Coordinator
PretiFlaherty

From: Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:45 AM
To: O'Neal, Melissa A.
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

Morning Missy,

Attached is a two page memo that hopefully covers Tony's questions. As additional info I attached a PDF that includes both EMI's project slides and the Energy Committee's summary of public questions from a May 26th Forum on the proposed combined heat and power project in Rockland.

Thanks!
Larry

From: O'Neal, Melissa A. [<mailto:moneal@preti.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 16:04
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

Yes, that would be fine. Thanks, Larry. Tony's meeting starts at 12 noon.

Missy

Melissa A. O'Neal
Special Projects Coordinator
PretiFlaherty

From: Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:56 PM
To: O'Neal, Melissa A.
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

Hi Missy,

I just saw these two emails and am about to head out to a meeting.
If the City gets something to you by 9 AM Thursday is that soon enough?

Thanks!
Larry

From: O'Neal, Melissa A. [<mailto:moneal@preti.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:46
To: larrypritchett.council@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Panel Discussion

In addition, Larry, would you also let me know who else is participating on the panel? Many thanks!!

Missy

Melissa A. O'Neal
Special Projects Coordinator
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From: O'Neal, Melissa A.
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:44 PM
To: 'larrypritchett.council@gmail.com'
Subject: Panel Discussion
Importance: High

Larry:

Tony has asked that you please send a synopsis of the event and what exactly you'd like Preti to discuss and how long they will have to discuss it. He's meeting with the members of his practice group tomorrow and will add this speaking engagement to the agenda. Any other information you could share would be very much appreciated.

Best,
Missy

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