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## Larry Pritchett

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**From:** Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 20:06  
**To:** 'Stephen Betts'  
**Subject:** RE: Energy meeting

Here is what I said.

LP

As most everyone is aware the City's Energy Committee facilitated a public forum on May 26th in which Evan Coleman from EMI presented an overview of a possible combined heat and power plant in Rockland and at which the Community asks a range of energy and environmental questions.

As a follow up to that forum, the City's Energy Committee along with the City's Community and Economic Development Department are co-sponsoring a public forum on Wednesday evening August 19th at 6:30 PM here in Council Chambers.

The people who will be presenting information and available to answer community questions include:

### **Tim Schneider:**

Tim is Maine's Public Advocate. It is the responsibility of Tim and his staff to represent consumers' interest in utility cases before Maine's Public Utilities Commission.

Tim can speak to questions about how his office reviews the ratepayer implications of a project the goes before the PUC and how the PUC has traditionally determined whether a contract with a facility to supply power can produce electricity at a rate that is in consumer's best interest.

Tim can also speak to how natural gas influences electricity prices in Maine and under what scenarios and in what areas addition local generation might be warranted.

### **Greg Cunningham:**

Greg is the director of the Conservation Law Foundation's Clean Energy and Climate Change program. Greg is based in Maine, but CLF works throughout New England, so Greg will bring a regional perspective to the questions.

CLF has a long history of advocating for steps that eliminate mercury emissions into the air from power plants that contaminate fish in Maine's lakes. CLF has long pushed for limits in air emission regulations that reduce sulfur and nitrogen released into the air that contribute to acid rain along Maine's coast. CLF has worked on many projects to reduce air emissions that contribute to asthma and other health problems.

Greg will speak to what the environmental permitting process likely would be for a combined heat and power plant located in Rockland and how any potential air emissions would be reviewed. In its efforts to reduce air pollution and address climate change challenges, CLF has in some cases supported new natural gases projects and in other cases opposed natural gas projects. In a complex energy world, CLF can explain how they, as an environmental organization weigh the merits and limitations of natural gas.

**Tony Buxton:**

Tony is the chair of Preti Flaherty's Energy and Utilities practice. Few people are better versed in Maine's utility laws and utility regulation and few are better versed in energy markets than Tony. Tony has been involved with a range of energy projects including renewable energy projects and grid expansion alternative projects.

Part of what makes Rockland, Rockland is that specialty manufacturing still thrives and is growing here. FMC, Fisher Plow, Lonza, Bixby&Co. It is these types of employers that Tony's experience makes him particularly well suited to speak to how various energy sources impact the costs for business like these.

Again the forum is 6:30 PM on Wednesday evening August 19th here at City Hall. The goal is to provide the community with the energy, environmental and regulatory context in which a Combined heat and power plant and a district energy system is being proposed. The goal is to give the community an opportunity to hear from and ask questions of folk with years of experience.

Equally divided between comments from presenters and questions. Start with questions recorded at the 5/26 forum

**From:** Stephen Betts [<mailto:sbetts@bangordailynews.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 19:25

**To:** Larry R. Pritchett

**Subject:** Energy meeting

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, correct?

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**From:** Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 08:32  
**To:** 'Stephen Betts'  
**Subject:** RE: Natural gas plant

Hi Steve,

I am going to ask for an update from EMI ahead of next Wednesday in terms of where they are. At the moment I just have a lot of small fragments that would be consistent with EMI researching the project (i.e, I heard from an employee from company X that EMI met with them to discuss the companies energy use; I heard from a staff at a couple of Maine's utilities that company reps had met with them, etc.). All second hand stuff. All fragments.

Larry

**From:** Stephen Betts [<mailto:sbetts@bangordailynews.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 08:24  
**To:** Larry R. Pritchett  
**Subject:** Natural gas plant

Larry,  
Has there been any discussions or correspondence between the city and Rockland Energy Center since the May forum? I wanted to check if there is any new developments.  
Thanks  
Steve

## Amy Files

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**From:** Amy Files <amy@wilderbydesign.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 09:32  
**To:** 350 Maine  
**Cc:** Sarah Lachance; Larry Pritchett  
**Subject:** AUGUST 19 -- Power plant forum?

Hi there,

A new development — I haven't been able to confirm but apparently at last night's council meeting it was announced we'd have a power plant "forum" on August 19th...

When they voted to move forward with this project (back in May) we were promised multiple workshops — but all we have had was one additional presentation from the power plant rep... and then all went quiet — word was that maybe the plan was dead... it's very frustrating to find out about this meeting with barely a week's notice — it's not even on the city's calendar yet so I can't share it on social media.

In any case — my focus next Mon/Tue (I'm out this weekend) will be to get the word out about this - mainly canvassing neighborhoods... any help with social media shares, much appreciated.

I am not sure who the speakers are yet — our fear is that Council is stacking them with natural gas-friendly speakers — I don't supposed that one of you could reach out to Larry Pritchett <[larrypritchett.council@gmail.com](mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com)> 207-594-8806 and ask if a 350 rep could come on board as a speaker? If you are up for this — you won't want to mention my name. The folks who are speaking — 3 I've heard — again, not confirmed — they are supposed to represent environmental interests but it sounds like they are all relatively conservative: Tim Snider.....Greg Cunningham (CLF).....Tony Buxton (utility law)

Amy

On Aug 10, 2015, at 3:31 PM, Amy Files <[amy@wilderbydesign.com](mailto:amy@wilderbydesign.com)> wrote:

Hi there,

Sorry to take so long to respond.

I would love to connect with you if you'll be in the area — I am feeling a little unsure now about the interest from others — could use some advice on how to build momentum as the initial post I'd put out about starting a group in the area didn't get any feedback — and I'd thought that there would be some general excitement...

I'm also focusing on Renew Rockland and was hoping to be able to help [350.org](http://350.org) start up here but also hoping other interested folks would help take the reigns.

I'd be interested to hear what Lew and Aimee think...

Thanks,

Amy

On Aug 6, 2015, at 11:05 AM, 350 Maine <[info@350maine.org](mailto:info@350maine.org)> wrote:

Checking back - with a new development: Sarah and I are trying to coordinate a meeting with a national [350.org](http://350.org) individual who will be in the Portland area on Tuesday...hoping that we connect with her on Tuesday early, allowing for us to still make the trip to Rockland for the evening.

We should know more about those realities by later today - but, in addition to being hopeful of making the Tuesday night event, we remain available to considering connecting with people at some point that evening - or on Wednesday.

Let us know what your realities and wishes are Amy...again, we can check in with Lew and Aimee - and possibly others.

Bob k

On Mon, Aug 3, 2015 at 2:45 PM, 350 Maine <[info@350maine.org](mailto:info@350maine.org)> wrote:

Amy: open to how ever many/whatever process best serves YOU! - with the thought that we could either meet with just you...or put the invitation out to a number of others (including via the Message Board...if that makes sense to you) - including Lee and Aimee (our contacts from before) and your Owls Head contacts.

With the event scheduled for 6:30 p.m., we'll need to consider what's realistic in terms of time - including with regard to Sarah's work schedule. There is the option that we stay in the area overnight and have a meeting on Wednesday if we're not able to pull off a reasonable time on Tuesday.

Let's stay in dialogue around this - excited by the possibility to connect in person!

Bob k

On Mon, Aug 3, 2015 at 1:29 PM, Amy Files <[amy@wilderbydesign.com](mailto:amy@wilderbydesign.com)> wrote:  
Hi Bob,

That sounds good — I'll have to think about others who may want to attend... could put a message on the Midcoast Message board but not sure how many people you are interested in?

Amy

On Aug 3, 2015, at 1:10 PM, 350 Maine <[info@350maine.org](mailto:info@350maine.org)> wrote:

Hi Amy:

Sarah and I are meeting later today and will be considering the realities of heading north for next Tuesday...and definitely would like to meet with you (and others) around the solar issue and a 350 presence in Rockland. Let us know if that might work out for you...and as to whether we should reach out to others who might attend.

Thanks!

Bob k

On Sat, Aug 1, 2015 at 9:11 AM, Amy Files <[amy@wilderbydesign.com](mailto:amy@wilderbydesign.com)> wrote:  
Hi Sarah — Yes — definitely. I am also running Renew Rockland — <https://www.facebook.com/renewthemidcoast>

I had a long talk with Jen Albee yesterday about this project and issue in Maine — the big one that there's a limit on how many people can share them (the 10-meter limit and CMP owns one)... I had been in touch with Jen because as part of Renew Rockland we'd like to start solar sharing in the area. I don't know if you've heard of this company: <http://www.yeloha.com/> ? I would really like to get this started in Maine/Rockland but one of the problems is that other states have more incentives than us so make them more friendly to investors. Someone at the company made it sound like they'd be willing to discuss our using their system if we were able to come up with the financing... in any case.. yes — excited about this project! But lots of educating to be done... people still have concerns/issues even on the good projects that need to be allayed.

Maybe I'll see you at the meeting then?

Amy

On Aug 1, 2015, at 8:29 AM, 350 Maine <[info@350maine.org](mailto:info@350maine.org)> wrote:

This would seem to be a 350 Rockland/Midcoast supported activity: <http://bangordailynews.com/2015/07/31/business/1100-panel-solar-farm-eyed-for-rockland/>

...and maybe could relate to a field trip to Rockland! See: "A presentation regarding community solar farms by the company is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Rockland Public Library." (not sure if that will work; Sarah and I may have a South Portland meeting that night...but...).

bk

On Fri, Jul 31, 2015 at 10:40 AM, Sarah Lachance <[sarah@350maine.org](mailto:sarah@350maine.org)> wrote:  
Hi Amy,

Great to hear about the folks in Owls Head.

Perhaps Bob and I can make a trip up there in the coming weeks to meet you and others. We can share more about the work we've done with the Extreme Energy andSolutions team (formerly the tar sands team)

Would you feel comfortable calling town to ask about last meeting where the proposed plant was on the agenda ? That'll at least give us some info on latest public meeting. Who knows what is happening behind closed doors!

Happy to talk by phone. Like Bob, I'm away w my family until Sunday.

Kindly

Sarah

On Friday, July 31, 2015, 350 Maine <[info@350maine.org](mailto:info@350maine.org)> wrote:  
Thanks for the report Amy. Sounds like you've got an instant 350 group in Rockland! :)

Let's connect next week...

bk

On Thu, Jul 30, 2015 at 1:20 PM, Amy Files <[amy@wilderbydesign.com](mailto:amy@wilderbydesign.com)> wrote:  
Hi Bob,

I just got back from the rally — it was attended by about 30 or so people (? - not sure about the count). A couple of papers were there for press, I am not sure about who else. I ran into some 350 folks on Owls Head who would be interested in a local group.

If you have specific questions about the rally let me know — was relatively quick — NRCM, Environment Maine and one more spoke, along with a lobster rep.

Amy

On Jul 30, 2015, at 12:05 PM, 350 Maine <[info@350maine.org](mailto:info@350maine.org)> wrote:

Amy - and Sarah:

sorry I haven't been able to respond until now; I'm visiting family in MD and should be able to engage further when back in town next week.

Interested to hear of the experience if you attended the rally...

bk

On Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 10:22 AM, Amy Files <[amy@wilderbydesign.com](mailto:amy@wilderbydesign.com)> wrote:  
Hi Sarah,

Sorry to take so long to get back to you — I was away for two weeks and still catching up on emails.

I haven't reconnected yet with Bob but would like to chat more. I haven't heard a peep about the power plant proposal here since I left — I'm hoping that may be because they've decided not to pursue it but am having a hard time finding answers.

It would be great to connect when you have a moment - my number: [207.542.4858](tel:207.542.4858)

I am one of the organizers of Renew Rockland — <https://www.facebook.com/renewthemidcoast> — if I attend the NRCM gathering it will be as a Renew rep...

Amy

On Jul 14, 2015, at 12:12 PM, Sarah Lachance <[sarah@350maine.org](mailto:sarah@350maine.org)> wrote:

Hi Amy,

Wonderful to hear about your interest in starting a 350 group in Rockland! It certainly would be great timing given the infrastructure proposal in your backyard.

As Bob previously mentioned, I co-convene the 350 Maine Extreme Energy and Solutions Team (formerly the Tar Sands Team). Naturally, you are most welcome to join that group as well. And, we are very happy to bring in members of the group to support your efforts in Rockland around the power plant.

Our team was very active in the work to stop the reversal of the Portland Montreal Pipeline which ultimately prevented tar sands from following through Maine, NH, and Vermont. We would be happy to share our lessons learned there, including how to run a door to door campaign to educate folks about the risks to their community.

Looks like you and Bob will be talking, perhaps even face to face, soon!

Let's chat more when we can.

Kindly

Sarah

On Mon, Jul 13, 2015 at 7:30 AM, 350 Maine <info@350maine.org> wrote:

Amy:

Checking back to share that I might be heading up to Bar Harbor to visit family....and would certainly consider a visit with you on the way up or back.

I'm trying to coordinate with my cell-coverage-challenged sister....but the tentative thought was to go up Wednesday, stay the night, and return on Thursday.

Not sure how that might work for you...happy to consider options.

Bob k

On Sun, Jul 12, 2015 at 6:18 AM, 350 Maine <info@350maine.org> wrote:

Hey Amy: thanks for checking back...

Understood regarding time sync; as per Morpheus in The Matrix: "Time is always against us" (though as per others - it's a myth and a trap and not honoring the one key truth: the moment!)\*

Bottom line: we have "time" to figure it all out! :)

and

I don't mean to take TOO much time on your Sunday with this dialogue...but here's some thoughts to share:

So...I don't think that the NRCM rally (something we just found out about primarily as a request that we spread the word to our supporters and seems to come out of their "grassroots" marketing approach) has anything to do with nat gas and though I appreciate your concern/caution, I don't think they would dial back their plans for the event. However, there certainly could be value in expressing your specific concerns to NRCM. And good points relative to an initial, somewhat automatic "sure, we can spread the word" response.\*\*

I would need NRCM to speak to their position on nat gas (which seems a little less than fully clear) - though, in some of our limited coalition discussions, seems to be "less clear" primarily based on their capacity



issues and particular focus on legislative issues, with special attention to solutions (especially solar).

I think it's fair to say that our 350 Maine "position" (most formally identified in the intent of our Extreme Energy and Solutions Team/EEAST) is one of **"natural gas (a particularly concerning form of extreme energy) is neither cheap nor clean...and is a bridge to nowhere..."**. There is DEFINITELY shared dialogue (with a very strong desire for further engagement - the basis for our interest/excitement regarding engaging in Rockland) with grassroots partners across the northeast...with continued exploration of shared attention to the issue with our environmental coalition partners.

All of these considerations are valuable in the context of "organize a 350 Rockland/MidCoast" discussions...including regarding local, statewide, coalition and regional "strategic" (including relationship/diplomacy) considerations. This often can feel akin to playing three dimensional chess - in zero gravity! - and, for some of our grassroots supporters, such dialogue has been frustrating in light of understandable feelings of urgency. But I think it's fair to suggest that our 350 Maine development experience has reinforced the value of a thoughtful though nimble approach to such things - while maintaining our individual personal AND an independent local group AND a "350 Maine" organizational voice (at times, quite distinct from each other - which actually provides for a good deal of latitude...though potential greater complexity).

That's some thoughts for the moment  
AND

I want to let you know that, via our 350 Maine Spokes Council of Friday the group is VERY excited about the potential for a Rockland/Midcoast group and DEFINITELY wants to support you in whatever ways possible.

The agreement was that you and I would talk further to determine the best way to move a supportive process forward.

Looking forward to talking more directly...soon!

Bob k

\* okay, there's my obnoxious pseudo-spirituality reference for a Sunday AM! :)

\*\* these considerations are very much part of where I see the strength of the unified part of the 350 Maine family: consultation with each other to sort through the nuances and strategic considerations of both

seemingly simple AND complex issues. Acknowledging the power and importance of autonomous regional "nodes" (i.e., Rockland/Midcoast\*\*\*), I find us to truly be stronger than the sum of our parts - especially when in effective conversation about issues; i.e., "350 Maine" support for an event/entity could make sense...until the next part of the conversation when it suddenly becomes clear that there's a conflict/concern. Important (and at times, quite "fun") stuff!

\*\*\* though I support the self-naming power of individual nodes, I also argue for some additional dialogue here - given somewhat arbitrary distinctions of geographic location/group names. There's a longer discussion (we've had over time) there...

bk

On Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 4:19 PM, Amy Files <amy@wilderbydesign.com> wrote:  
Hi Bob,

Sorry to not sync up with our schedules — the workshops I am running break tomorrow around noon and then we set up again for week two Sunday morning... but I have intermittent available time in between scheduled sessions — next week I'll have most breaks in the afternoon, 3 to 6 or so.

The 7/30 event was on my radar but I didn't realize that NRCM was running it — I had heard that NRCM hasn't come out against Nat Gas — do you know anything about this?

If they come to Rockland to rally for Climate Change — it could be damaging to the effort that local residents are waging against the plant if an environmental group shows up and is not coming out against the proposal — or worse, is in favor of it. It seems there are still a handful of environmental groups that think Nat Gas is "clean" — the "bridge to renewables".

Any info/advice on that much appreciated.

Thank you,

Amy

On Jul 10, 2015, at 12:14 PM, 350 Maine <info@350maine.org> wrote:

Amy: good to chat with you...happy to do so over time.

I'm heading to the 350 New England Convergence Planning Meeting at 4 p.m. today and could have some time to talk further prior to that...and can certainly be available next week.

I am cc'ing Sarah Lachance here...she and I convene the "Extreme Energy and Solutions Team" (EEAST; formerly the Tar Sands Team). As I

mentioned, we are very interested in the developments with the nat gas plant in Rockland - and other extreme energy issues across the state. Having individuals local to the issue is always best!

Also, this just came across my email from Todd Martin of NRCM; I'll be reviewing it with the 350 Maine Spokes Council today...with plans to spread the word. Could be a first effort for you as a representative of "350 MidCoast"!

[Climate Change Rally in Rockland on 7/30](#)

Let's talk soon.

Bob k

On Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 9:20 PM, 350 Maine <info@350maine.org> wrote:  
Amy: apologies for the delay in contacting you; I've been sick for the last week...so, just playing catch up.

Your timing is right on time given a number of Rockland related considerations of late; a number of us have been hoping that we might engage some players in the Rockland area.

I'd suggest chatting ASAP; I would have some time tomorrow (350 Maine Spokes Council conference call at 1 pm; 350 Greater Portland meeting 6:30-8:30) and Friday (conference call at 4 and heading to a 350 New England weekend event) if you want to give a call...

Happy to consider all of this further.

Bob Klotz  
[207.317.1692](tel:207.317.1692)

On Wed, Jul 1, 2015 at 1:52 PM, Amy Files <amy@wilderbydesign.com> wrote:  
Hi there,

I know there are some 350 folks up in Belfast — but when I look at the Maine website don't see the midcoast listed.

I live in Rockland and am interested in starting a 350 here — and/or make it more of a midcoast group.

Can someone get in touch with me  
about this? And or send me some  
contact info?

Thank you!

Amy Files

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## Dan Dunkle

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**From:** Dan Dunkle <ddunkle@courierpublicationsllc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:50  
**To:** Larry Pritchett  
**Subject:** RE: power plant forum

Thanks Larry

Daniel Dunkle  
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From: Larry Pritchett [larrypritchett.council@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:35 AM  
To: Dan Dunkle  
Subject: RE: power plant forum

Hi Dan,

Full press release with details will be out within the hour.

Larry

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From: Dan Dunkle [<mailto:ddunkle@courierpublicationsllc.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 09:20  
To: [larrypritchett.council@gmail.com](mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com)  
Subject: power plant forum

Hi Larry,

I missed last night's meeting. I understand you announced the date and time of the next power plant forum. Can you let me know that info and can you let me know who will be speakers at that meeting? Thanks

Daniel Dunkle  
News Director  
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## Larry Pritchett

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**From:** Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:55  
**To:** 'Audra Bell'  
**Subject:** DRAFT  
**Attachments:** 2015\_08.19\_Rockland\_Energy\_Community\_Development\_Forum\_Press.docx

See attached. First and second page only. Later pages are just notes from various discussions. Need info by 1130 to get to Courier.

Larry



## City Of Rockland

August 11th, 2015

To: **Midcoast Media**  
Courier Publications, VsTV  
Free Press, PenBay Pilot, WSCH 6

**DRAFT**  
**1045 Hrs**

Re: **Combined Heat & Power, Natural Gas**  
**Would This Benefit Rockland?**  
6:30 PM Wednesday August 19th  
Council Chambers At Rockland City Hall

In an era when the goal is to reduce carbon emissions released into the air, how does a community weigh the merits of a new natural gas fired combined heat and power plant? In a community like Rockland where specialty manufacturing is key to the strength of the year round economy, how critical is natural gas to the viability and competitive position of these businesses for the next 30 to 50 years? On Wednesday evening August 19th the City of Rockland's Energy Committee and the City's Department of Community and Economic Development are cosponsoring a public forum to explore these and other critical community energy questions.

In March of this year Energy Management, Inc approached the City to explore the concept of constructing a combined heat and power (CHP) plant in Rockland. Modern high efficiency CHP facilities can be low emissions sources of cost effective energy because most of the exhaust heat from burning fuel to produce electricity is then recovered as hot water or steam which can be distributed to local businesses for heating, cooling or manufacturing purposes.

New York University in Manhattan, the Longwood Medical Area in Boston among many locations in the U.S. and as well as the majority of cities in some European countries like Denmark utilize CHP facilities to supply power to local district energy system (i.e., a local area to which heat, electricity and chilled water produced at the CHP facility is distributed to businesses and homes) to meet low climate change emissions goals and to provide more resilient sources of locally generated power.

For example, during Hurricane Sandy the CHP/District Energy system at New York University kept the lights on and virtually all aspects of the University functional when all of lower Manhattan around the University's campus was dark for days. NYU's then new natural gas fired CHP facility had been built to meet the University's 2030 Carbon Emissions reduction goals.

However, in an era of climate change and rising sea level new facilities that utilize fossil fuels, even lower emissions fuels like natural gas, raise serious questions. Would a local CHP facility replace enough existing sources of air emissions in Rockland so that the amount of pollutants, including carbon dioxide, discharged locally decline? Would the energy produced be readily available, reliable and cost effective for local businesses?

In late May, the City's Energy Committee facilitated a public forum in which Evan Coleman from EMI presented an overview of a possible combined heat and power plant in Rockland and at which the Community asked a range of energy and environmental questions. In response to the

questions raised at the May forum, the Energy Committee and City staff is organizing a follow up forum on August 19th with several individuals with decades of related experience. The City's goal with the August 19th event is to provide the community with an opportunity to explore the energy, environmental and regulatory context in which a CHP plant and a district energy system is being proposed. The following people will be presenting and answering questions.

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**MOVE THESE QUESTIONS UNDER SPEAKERS?**

What role does natural gas play in providing energy for electricity, for heat, for manufacturing in Maine? How does energy cost and the availability of natural gas impact specialty manufacturing in Maine and in Rockland? Is expanding natural gas and expanding renewable energy sources in conflict with each other? Or are renewables and natural gas both tools to meet climate and air quality goals?

How does the PUC typically evaluate the potential environmental and cost benefits of long term contracts to supply electricity? What are the key potential local impacts of a chp facility like this to which residents and the city should pay close attention? 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?

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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

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As a follow up to that forum, the City's Energy Committee along with the City's Community and Economic Development Department are co-sponsoring a public forum on Wednesday evening August 18th at 6:30 PM here in Council Chambers.

The people who will be presenting information and available to answer community questions include:

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Greg will speak to what the environmental permitting process likely would be for a combined heat and power plant located in Rockland and how any potential air emissions would be reviewed. In its efforts to reduce air pollution and address climate change challenges , CLF has in some cases supported new natural gases projects and in other cases opposed natural gas projects. In a complex energy world, CLF can explain how they, as an environmental organization weigh the merits and limitations of natural gas.

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Again the forum is 6:30 PM on Wednesday evening August 19th here at City Hall. The goal is to provide the community with the energy, environmental and regulatory context in which a Combined heat and power plant and a district energy system is being proposed. The goal is to give the community an opportunity to hear from and ask questions of folk with years of experience.

Equally divided between comments from presenters and questions. Start with questions recorded at the 5/26 forum



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## Frank Isganitis

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**From:** Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:49  
**To:** Larry Pritchett  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Rockland > Community Forum > August 19th > 6:30 PM

Thanks Larry.

On Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 11:55 AM, Larry Pritchett <[larrypritchett.council@gmail.com](mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi All,

This went to the press a few minutes ago. Please feel free to direct any press/community questions to Audra or I.

Larry

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:49  
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August 11th, 2015

To: **Midcoast Media**  
Courier Publications, VsTV  
Free Press, PenBay Pilot, WSCH 6

Re: Combined Heat & Power, Natural Gas  
Would This Benefit Rockland?  
6:30 PM Wednesday August 19th  
Council Chambers At Rockland City Hall

In an era when the goal is to reduce carbon emissions released into the air, how does a community weigh the merits of a new natural gas fired combined heat and power plant? In a community like Rockland where specialty manufacturing is key to the strength of the year round economy, how critical is natural gas to the viability and competitive position of these businesses for the next 30 to 50 years? On Wednesday evening August 19th the City of Rockland's Energy Committee and the City's Department of Community and Economic Development are cosponsoring a public forum to explore these and other critical community energy questions.

In March of this year Energy Management, Inc approached the City to explore the concept of constructing a combined heat and power (CHP) plant in Rockland. Modern high efficiency CHP facilities can be low emissions sources of cost effective energy because most of the exhaust heat from burning fuel to produce electricity is then recovered as hot water or steam which can be distributed to local businesses for heating, cooling or manufacturing purposes.

New York University in Manhattan, the Longwood Medical Area in Boston among many locations in the U.S. and as well as the majority of cities in some European countries like Denmark utilize CHP facilities to supply power to local district energy system (i.e., a local area to which heat, electricity and chilled water produced at the CHP facility is distributed to businesses and homes) to meet low climate change emissions goals and to provide more resilient sources of locally generated power.

For example, during Hurricane Sandy the CHP/District Energy system at New York University kept the lights on and virtually all aspects of the University functional when all of lower Manhattan around the University's campus was dark for days. NYU's then new natural gas fired CHP facility had been built to meet the University's 2030 Carbon Emissions reduction goals.

However, in an era of climate change and rising sea level new facilities that utilize fossil fuels, even lower emissions fuels like natural gas, raise serious questions. Would a local CHP facility replace enough existing sources of air emissions in Rockland so that the amount of pollutants, including carbon dioxide, discharged locally decline? Would the energy produced be readily available, reliable and cost effective for local businesses?

In late May, the City's Energy Committee facilitated a public forum in which Evan Coleman from EMI presented an overview of a possible combined heat and power plant in Rockland and at which the Community asked a range of energy and environmental questions. In response to the

questions raised at the May forum, the Energy Committee and City staff is organizing a follow up forum on August 19th with several individuals with decades of related experience. The City's goal with the August 19th event is to provide the community with an opportunity to explore the energy, environmental and regulatory context in which a CHP plant and a district energy system is being proposed. The following people will be presenting and answering questions.

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## Amy Files

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**From:** Amy Files <amy@wilderbydesign.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 13:16  
**To:** Larry Pritchett  
**Cc:** Nathan Davis; Adam Ackor  
**Subject:** Re: Wed 19th Meeting?

Hi Larry ,

Thank you for providing the press release... I wish that there at least one representative from a true environmental advocate to balance out this discussion as two of the speakers are heavy on the utility side and CLF is one of the more conservative reps you could find.

In any case — I will pass along the info through my social media outlets — will Evan Coleman be present?

Amy

On Aug 11, 2015, at 12:38 PM, Larry Pritchett <[larrypritchett.council@gmail.com](mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Amy,

I would have loved to have nailed this down further out. The two dates next week (as well as others) have been on my calendar for several weeks as possible dates. Working from as many as twenty suggested possible participants, there were many dates when only two people were available.

A college professor was going on sabbatical. An engineer was primarily working out of state. An environmental advocate was taking his first vacation longer than a week in over fifteen years. A suggested college professor and climate change advocate indicate their specialty was emission trading and not the topics here, etc.

Just so you know I plan to use most of the tools I have (my campaign email list, social media, phone calls to folk who have approached me, etc.) to get info out as soon as practical to a broad spectrum of the community. Press release is attached. Format is still being tweak to maximize discussion aspect.

Larry  
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**From:** Amy Files [<mailto:amy@wilderbydesign.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:17  
**To:** Larry Pritchett

**Cc:** Nathan Davis; Adam Ackor  
**Subject:** Re: Wed 19th Meeting?

Hi Larry,

I wasn't able to attend the last forum and so hope there will be opportunity to bring new questions to the table as we haven't had many opportunities.

In regards to the date — if it's not on the city's calendar and there's no formal announcement in the press — people aren't going to know about it.

It's very frustrating that this is only being announced a week out... people will not have time to plan and a lot won't even hear about it until after it has happened. We will do our best to get the word out but it's tough with such short notice.

Amy

On Aug 11, 2015, at 12:07 PM, Larry Pritchett  
<[larrypritchett.council@gmail.com](mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Amy,

At Council's 8/3 meeting I stated that the next forum would be either 8/18 or 8/19. And talked a little about the forum. Ron Huber was there and I (apparently erroneously) assumed that info would get back to you and others. As I indicated on 8/3, the City was waiting for some folk to return from vacation to make final confirmation before announcing.

I'll send you the press release in a few minutes. The forum will be a mixture (roughly 50/50) presentation and discussion/questions. Keep in mind the "presentation" aspects of the forum are going to be driven by the questions identified at the May 26th forum. So, in essence, the entire forum will be structured around community questions.

Larry

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**From:** Amy Files [<mailto:amy@wilderbydesign.com>]  
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**Subject:** Wed 19th Meeting?

Hi Larry,

I just heard that there will be another meeting regarding the power plant on Wednesday the 19th. Is this true?

If it is, I would like to express my dismay and frustration that again we are scheduling a very important meeting with little to no notice for residents.

I would hope at a minimum that we'd give residents a minimum of 2 week's notice; ideally more.

If this meeting is in fact happening could you please send me an outline of the meeting information — including who speakers will be — and what the format will be.

Thank you,

Amy

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## Sandy Billington

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**From:** Sandy Billington <[sbillington@ci.rockland.me.us](mailto:sbillington@ci.rockland.me.us)>  
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**To:** 'Larry Pritchett'  
**Subject:** RE: Rockland > Community Forum > August 19th > 6:30 PM

All up! On the calendar and in the news and headlines section.  
Have not received the green light yet on the slide show from the last meeting but as soon as I do, it'll go up as well.  
Thanks!  
Sandy

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**From:** Larry Pritchett [<mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:10 PM  
**To:** Sandy Billington  
**Cc:** 'Audra Bell'  
**Subject:** FW: Rockland > Community Forum > August 19th > 6:30 PM

Sandy,

Could you get this up on the City web site?

Larry

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