



## CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

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### MINUTES

#### Economic Development Committee

**Wednesday, July 17, 2013**  
**6:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**

**Attendees:**

John Schwartzman – At-large  
Peter Stocks – District 4

Bob O'Brien - Business  
Mike Vaillancourt - Business

Jon Jennings – Assistant City Manager  
Brad Weeks – Water Resources

**Absent:**

Steve Bushey – At-Large  
Dave Owen – District 1  
Sergio Gadder – District 2  
Martin Macisso – District 3  
William Collins – District 5

Ed Palmer - Business  
Craig Gorris - Business

1. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2013 (Quorum Not Present)
2. Water Resources Update with Brad Weeks

Brad provided an overview of Water Resources for committee members. He also discussed the City GIS system. He described how the system has been upgraded to allow immediate data collection and review. The system has provided the city with the ability to accurately map various assets and needs. Brad also discussed and updated the committee on projects on Main Street, Gorham Road and Maine Mall Road. He provided an overall scheduling of present and upcoming projects in the city.

### 3. Maine Mall Update

Jon gave an update on the recent agreement with the Maine Mall on outstanding property taxes. He indicated this is a very good development for the city and the mall to move forward collaboratively on potential projects in the future.

### 4. Community Solar Farm

Jon discussed the effort to bring a community solar farm to South Portland which would be the first in Maine. Tex Haeuser and Jon have been working to develop a plan that would allow solar panels to be placed on the capped landfill in the city. Bob O'Brien inquired about the extent of natural gas throughout the city. Peter asked whether the city has an overall position in terms of energy policy in the future. Jon discussed the city is looking at all available opportunities for the city to lead on alternative energy ideas. It was also mentioned that Maxine Beecher was leading an effort on a wood chips program that would be of benefit to Hannaford and South Portland High School.

### 5. SPC-TV Business Show Update

Jon briefed the committee on the progress made on the SPC-TV business show. The show is being hosted by committee member, Marty Macisso. Marty and Jon have met with Tony Vigue and his staff at SPC-TV to discuss logistics and overall needs. It is expected that the first installment of the show will debut sometime in the near future.

### 6. Other

Committee members discussed the Waterfront Protection Ordinance. There was also an update on several potential development projects in the city.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Cordially,

Jon P. Jennings  
Assistant City Manager