CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2010 MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER
Facilitator, Bert Cohen, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

II. ATTENDANCE
PRESENT: Bert Cohen, Skye Maher, Gary Epler, Tom Rooney, Peter Britz, Brett Pasinella
ABSENT: Ann Walker
GUESTS: Silke Psula, Portsmouth Solid Waste Coordinator
Rodney Rowland, Strawberry Banke

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM December 17, 2009
Minutes accepted.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
1. Preparation for Work Session with City Council on Feb. 1st at 6:15pm
to Present Policy Recommendations for:
   a. Pay as You Throw
   b. Zero Waste
Silke Psula provided a presentation on the City of Portsmouth’s Solid Waste Program. This presentation would start off the City Council work session and provide a basis for discussing the two Policy Recommendations. From there, Tom Rooney would provide a brief description of the Policy Recommendation Form, how it was developed and its purpose. Gary Epler would lead the discussion of the Pay-As-You-Throw recommendation and Skye Maher would lead the Zero Waste discussion.

V. OLD BUSINESS
1. Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Proposal
City is considering submitting two proposals to perform energy efficiency upgrades of two City buildings.

2. Update on Five Year Sustainability Planning Process
A meeting to discuss the findings of the first round of Study Circles will be held at the PHS Library on March 18th from 7-9pm.
VI. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Skye Maher noted the Court Street energy efficient lighting project. This could be a good project to review and use as an example for other similar efforts in the future.

Next meeting will be held on February 25th from 7-9pm in the City Manager’s Conference Room.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.