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

October 28, 2010 MEETING

DATE: October 28, 2010
TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
PLACE: CITY MANAGER’S CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Minutes

I. ATTENDANCE: Bert Cohen, Peter Britz, Skye Maher, Brett Pasinella, Tom Rooney

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM September 23, 2010

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation Social Capital and Sustainability Study – Shannon Rogers offered a concise analysis and overview of her doctoral dissertation, which used ten neighborhoods in Portsmouth and Manchester (each) to compare indices of social capital.

2. What can we do to help move attention to the problems being encountered by the Great Bay? Item deferred to next month.

3. What policy recommendations we will make this year to the city council or other important groups? Investigating some form of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) loans.

4. Bert Cohen provided an overview of Portsmouth’s inclusion in the list of seven finalists for the R. Mohn award. There will be interviewers visiting Portsmouth in November.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Follow-up Discussion of Committee's Near Term Priorities
   a. Initiative within city and school department leadership to Sustainability – Tabled until next month.
   b. Further ideas on activities to raise awareness? – Sustainability Fair, NH Film Festival
   c. Purchasing standards for the City? – This would be a good item for a Policy Recommendation.

VII. ADJOURNED at 8:55pm