

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

July 27, 2017 MEETING

DATE: July 27, 2017
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
PLACE: CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

I.

In Attendance: Josh Denton, Jacob Levenson, Patrick Ellis, Larry Lariviere, Tracey Cameron, Bert Cohen. Non-Member: Wes Tator and Rob Stuart (Bert facilitates next meeting, Jacob is note taker)

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM May 25, 2017

There was no objection to acceptance of the June 22nd meeting minutes.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Times

6:30 start time is working.

2. Mayor's Pledge to Paris Climate Agreement

The pledge is a foundation for the discussion on Carbon Fee and Dividend as well as Renewable Energy Policy Committee

3. Composting Pilot Program

The program is still evolving. There was a good number of folks enrolling at the start and now new ways to market are being explored.

4. Committee Status

Rob Stuart is visiting the meeting exploring whether this would be a good fit for him to offer service to the community. He was well received and the committee felt he could make a good contribution if he felt the time commitment could work out for him.

5. Committee Vision and Priorities

The committee feels it is on the right track in looking for leverage points in our city system to make progress toward the goals set out in our being an Eco-Municipality

6. Renewable Energy Policy Committee

Josh reviewed who is on the committee and a few scenarios of what would take place at the up coming meetings through Dec. 2017.

- Large energy sources
- Solar
- Buildings and Building Codes

• **Transportation.**

It was pointed out the the Madbury Solar Array on the new city facility is not being taxed. The committee thought this was a good example of how to offer an incentive for green energy

More details about the committee are on line.

7. Sustainability Alliance Summit

A Handprint Party is being planned for September 14, 2017 as well as scheduling others for the school year.

8. Carbon Fee and Dividend

Josh will bring the resolution to the next city council meeting on Aug. 7. There was discussion of how the passage of the resolution could be used to encourage national action on this issue. Contacting our Congressional representatives was one of the options discussed. Wes stated that Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus is growing and what is needed now is more voices.

9. Larry offered a web site that was a YouTube on imperfect food going to the landfill in California and some of the positive things that could be done about this.

If you search:

Youtube Imperfect Produce

There is a video titled Immpert Produce (1minute 16 sec.) as well as others that might be of interest.

10. Committee Status (Including this from last months notes)

Mayor needs to sign off on Lindsay's official status.

Current Membership (and dates of who is facilitator

1. Bert (8/24)
2. Jacob
3. Josh
4. Larry
5. Lindsay
6. Matt
7. Patrick (7/27)
8. Peter
9. Tracey (6/22)

IV. ADJOURNMENT