

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

February 15, 2018 MEETING

DATE: February 15, 2018

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

PLACE: CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDANCE: PETER BRITZ, BERT COHEN, LANA BLUEGE,
TRACEY CAMERON, JOHN KENNEDY, LINDSAY GALLANT,
LARRY LARIVIERE, LUCY TREVINO, JOSH DENTON, HENRY,
GARY EPLER, MATT GLENN

Minutes

- Call to order
- Acceptance of minutes from 1/25/2018
- New business
 - Historic district climate change vulnerability assessment
 - Renewable energy committee policy
 - Presentation to the city council
 - Reusable bag handprint party, sustainability allianc
- Impact to historic district from sea level rise - prevent and adaptations
 - Raise + flood proof houses in South End
 - Keep historic character
 - Thursday @6:30 at city council chamber (Vulnerability Assessment)
- Soup Kitchen waste / Compost
 - Email Mr. Fox with ideas and questions
 - Expansion beyond the city
- Straw Letter
 - Educate or have restaurants take pledge
 - Letter to the editor with ideas and suggestions

- Try to move away from straws and use paper if needed
- Compostable straws put into recycling do not always make it through the system
- Continue spreading facts and encouraging businesses
- *Committee approved letter*
- Letter to the editor rotation or more regularly
 - Explore other papers / platforms
- Renewable energy policy went to city council meeting
 - Mayor did not want a separate meeting
 - Suggestion to add another appendix by party
 - Next meeting will have policy, appendix C and an opinion piece on cost + other issues that will be published in the Herald
 - Joint event on policy in spring with recommendations (PS21 in April)
 - Booth at city events for more info?
- Last presentation to city council
 - Work session answered answered city council's questions
 - Each item was reviewed and pushed
 - Getting city council to act
 - Goal for next meeting: can we set a date to become net zero?
- Next meeting
 - Brainstorm passions / visions for committee's future
 - Decide where to spend time and energy
 - Set concrete goals