

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

July 26, 2018 MEETING

DATE: July 25, 2018  
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
PLACE: CITY MANAGER’S CONFERENCE ROOM

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM June 28, 2018**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Check in**

- i. In attendance: Burt, Larry, Wes, John, James, Peter, Jacob, Josh**

**2. Old Business**

- i. Josh moves to adopt the minutes**

**3. Committee Vision and Priorities**

- i. Discussion of ways we can involve the community more in the initiatives already underway in the City. Maybe utilize handprint party to bring people together around initiatives such as the Renewable Energy Plan.**

**4. Presentation to the City Council**

- i. Carbon fee and dividend. Doughnut Economics. Brainstorming about the idea of a workshop around these topics rather than a presentation.**

**5. Website**

- i. Big picture, sustainability page improvements. Consolidate information from the City on a single page, such as water efficiency rebate program. Waiting in holding pattern until policy tax credit initiatives to take place before we spend time and effort to create a new sustainability page.**
- ii. List sustainability committee in community newsletter more often.**

**6. Electric Vehicle Show**

- i. Upcoming event at City Hall lower lot on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> for national drive electric week. Electric car owners bring their vehicles to show off to the general public. Owners are there to answer questions and also provide test drives to interested public. Last year the event was held in Pease and this year it will be closer to town at City Hall. There will be a mini show in the morning at Kittery Farmers Market. James pitched the idea of Sustainability Committee and Eco-Club as well as other organizations that may be interested in having a booth at the event. Social media outreach leading up to the event. The committee brainstormed a few different local organizations for James to reach out to regarding the Electric Vehicle Show.**
- ii. Josh spoke to Electric Vehicle policy changes. Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance will implement only electric vehicles can park at charging stations and not park there for more than 4 hours. There will also be a fee set for electric charging station parking to help offset the cost of the electricity. Josh also wants to add highly visible signs for the charging station.**

**7. Ted X**

- i. Music Hall on September 7<sup>th</sup> event. Keith from sustainable seacoast and Craig Welsh from Portsmouth housing authority will both be speakers at the event. Tickets go on sale through the music hall tomorrow (Friday) for \$75 for the whole day.**

**8. Climate Change Seacoast Home**

- i. 100 Cities have now pledged to Carbon Fee and Dividend initiative. Portsmouth was in first 50. Climate Solutions Caucus introduced Federal bill to address emissions. Big**

**news among the carbon pricing world. Letter to the editor in today's Herald regarding loosing 1,900 homes on seacoast area due to sea level rise.**

**9. Oysters Shells Letter**

- i. John is still drafting the letter to the editor on the group who is doing oyster shell recycling.**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Note for this meeting: **Bert facilitating Jacob taking minutes**