

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

August 23, 2018 MEETING

DATE: August 23, 2018
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
PLACE: CITY MANAGER’S CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDEES: BERT COHEN, JACOB LEVENSON, LANA BLUEGE,
MATTHEW GLYNN, LUCY TREVINO, JOSH DENTON

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM July 25, 2018

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Committee Vision and Priorities:** Bert talked about difference between sustainability and resiliency. Sustainability is part of the four systems which will result in a livable planet. Resilience is the ability to sustain the same state if it is desirable. Lana added resiliency is having the proper tools to come back from change. City ideally would be a closed sustainability system. Bert also talked about the Living Building that gives back more energy than it uses and uses less water than it takes in. Committee could focus on raising the bar for future goals. Lana said that we can adopt short term goal like education and long term goals such as building codes mandating white roofs. Each person could own a long term goal. Bert asked if it would be helpful for more City Staff to be

educated on eco municipalities. Lana suggested workshops on how to fix electronics that would otherwise be thrown away.

2. **Website:** City Council passed Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance and will soon be voting on the Solar Energy Tax Exemption expansion, Wood Powered Energy Exemption, and Wind Powered Energy Exemption. Once they are voted on, the website will be ready to be updated.
3. **Electric Vehicle Show:** Sunday, September 9, 2011, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, numerous organizations will participate. Matt talked about inviting the Seacoast Cars and Coffee Group. Josh talked about recent ordinance. Lana brought up EV corridors. Josh talked about VW settlement funds. Lana will send information on corridors.
4. **Composting at Transfer Station:** Signage on composting might have to be reposted if it is not visible.
5. **Lindsay Gallant is going to resign due to the birth of her second child :(Congratulations!)**
6. **Tracey Cameron had also recently resigned due to work**
7. **Lucy:** gave an update on 14 girls from PHS on their Secondary Education Girls (SEGA) recent trip to Tanzania and all of the really cool sustainable things they saw being done. People can donate to fund girls to go to school there for next to nothing. Graduates essentially get a major in starting a shop or farm in their village. Lucy will host a girl for a month in November.
8. **Portsmouth Conference:** Josh talked about the Portsmouth Conference and how they are returning City funds
9. **400th Anniversary:** Bert spoke to a number of people about a committee focusing on sustainability that he would volunteer to be on, but has not had any commitments yet. He would like to focus on the City's positive and negative sustainable practices over the past 400 years and the future.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Note for next meeting: **Josh facilitating Lana taking minutes**