

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

September 27, 2018 MEETING

DATE: September 27, 2018

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

PLACE: CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTANDEES: Jacob Levenson, Josh Denton, Bert Cohen, Lydia  
Fedorowich, Matt Glenn, Larry Lariviere, Peter Britz

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM August 23, 2018**

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Committee Vision and Priorities:** Vision and Priorities: Larry spoke about the Sept TED X Talks at the Music Hall specifically a presentation on capturing methane gas and using the carbon for making products that would be a replacement for steel.
2. **Website:** will be worked on now that new tax exemptions for solar and wind power have been addressed according to Josh.
3. **Electric Vehicle Show Report:** The alternate source auto show at the lower city parking lot was held on Sept 9 and was well attended. There were over 40 either electric or hybrid

vehicles. The City has taken delivery of an electric car. Dealers will be trained at a fee before they can sell electric cars.

4. **Wind Energy and Wood Heat Tax Exemptions:** Josh reported on the 2003 residential tax exemption for solar and wind energy expanded as a credit against the cost of product and installation on a decreasing basis similar to the expected lifetime.
5. **New Building Codes:** Josh also informed us on a new International Energy Conservation & Climate Code. The world will be broken down by zones based on mean temperatures from 1 thru 7 NH is 5 VT & ME are both 6 by choice. These will apply to new construction only and consequently raise the costs of building.
6. **General Sustainability:** Bert showed a 3 minute piece from the Sanders Institute titled “ What can I do. ” by Bill McKibben.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Note for this meeting: **Minutes taken by Larry Lariviere**