

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

January 25, 2018 MEETING

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

Minutes

**Matt, Bert, Lana, Larry, John, Josh, Patrick,
Lucy, Lucy, Jacob Peter, Tracy, Gary**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Check in: How your lifestyle is/isn’t sustainable.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM December 21, 2017

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. School Board Appointment

Gary Epler has been appointed by the School Board to the Committee and came tonight to his first meeting.

2. Historic District Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

Description of the study regarding the climate change impacts from coastal flooding and sea level rise in the Historic district. Invited the Committee to come to the meeting

3. Renewable Energy Committee Policy

Josh presented the formation of the committee and the policy a framework to get to net zero was crafted by the committee and recently adopted. Josh will take it to the City Council on February 5th.

- 4. Committee Vision and Priorities** At the next meeting the committee will bring their vision(s) to the next meeting
- 5. Presentation to the City Council:** Larry discussed the presentation and he would like to include representatives of the ECO-club about what they are now doing at the High School to facilitate sustainability to help their cause and the committees. That this would be one of the things that is presented. Bert said that in putting together an agenda of items for sustainability that the Committee recommends he thinks we should choose things that thing we want the council to act on and then get the High School to tie into the vision. There is no current plan to present to the City Council but some discussion of vision and priorities was discussed to move the process along.
- 6. Reusable Bag Handprint Party, Sustainability Alliance** Bert discussed the Handprint party with the activity to construct a reusable bag. While using a bag does not change the world by itself but the effect of taking a positive sustainability action leads other to take positive sustainable activities.
- 7. Portsmouth Housing Authority recycling.** There is only limited recycling now but they are interested in ways that they can educate and encourage recycling. Would be very interested in ways to improve their efforts in this regard. The solid waste is picked up by private hauler there need to be more outreach to get it working.

Next meeting February 15th Peter facilitating and Ecoclub taking notes.

IV. ADJOURNMENT 8:10