

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

December 19, 2019

Date: December 19, 2019

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Place: Conference Room A, City Hall

Attending: Bert Cohen (facilitator), Peter Britz, Josh Denton, Larry Larriviere, Ella Doyle, Phoebe Luneau

Minutes

- I. Acceptance of Minutes from November Meeting.
- II. New City Council update – No info from incoming mayor. Bert will update the committee when he hears back.
- III. Committee update – Committee offered its best wishes to Josh Denton for 6 years of service on the Committee. Bert presented Josh with the book *Drawdown* by Paul Hawken signed by Committee members.
- IV. Peter spoke about the Gulf of Maine task force meeting at UNH by the Bureau of Offshore Management that kicked off the decision about where to site wind power.
- V. Phoebe discussed her efforts about getting more students to carpool and take the bus to school.
- VI. Bert spoke about a program at York community college. York is deciding when it will be 100% ready for zero energy. We will keep in touch and learn from them.
- VII. Bert would like to put together a Non Fiction book club on climate change.
- VIII. Renovations on senior center not using eco friendly products...Peter will look into it.
- IX. Comm. Outreach on energy efficiency is moved to next month.
- X. Bert sent link to Comm. Members about an MIT program being developed to determine what sustainable practices will give us the best results to lower CO2.
- XI. Adjournment

Minutes taken by Larry Lariviere