

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

March 28, 2019 MEETING

DATE: March 28, 2019
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
PLACE: CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MEMBERS PRESENT

Burt Cohen, Josh Denton, Larry LaRiviere, Tracey Cameron , Lucy Travino, Lidya Fedorowich, John Kennedy and Matt Glynn

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM February 29, 2019

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Old Business

- i Voted to approve minutes from last meeting

2. Committee status

- i Carry Mayo application on City Council agenda for April 1st to become member of sustainability committee

3. UNH Sustainability Fellow

- i City chose a student fellow to complete a greenhouse gas inventory during this summer**
- 4. Membership**
 - i Updated committee members on website**
 - ii Add the three eco-club members names to the City Website as committee members**
 - iii Take Lindsay off the website**
- 5. Distribution of Single-Use Disposables Ordinance**
 - i No town in NH has banned plastic bags. Josh re-introduced updated ban from 5 years ago with ban on plastic bags and 10 cent fee on paper bag. Even though paper bags consume more energy and water to produce than plastic bags, the goal is to promote reusable bag use.**
- 6. Update to Solar Array Requirements**
- 7. Hodgson Brook Update**
 - i City working on multi use path along north mill pond. The water that feeds into north mill pond comes from Hodgson Brook. Desire to remove maker space building and daylight Hodgson Brook into North Mill Pond.**
- 8. Climate Hour on WSCA**
 - i Starting tomorrow Josh will be on radio one Friday a month at noon 106.1 talking about climate issues with Wes Tator.**
- 9. High school trays**
 - i School board has ended Styrofoam trays and moved to paper compostable trays. 450 students signed a petition.**
- 10. Energy Efficiency**
 - i Energy efficiency is a key point in Renewable Energy Policy.**
 - ii How can we help promote energy efficiency in the community?**
 - iii Difference between energy efficiency and renewable energy. Energy efficiency is more cost effective way to reduce CO2 emissions than renewable energy production.**
- 11. HPP Sustainable design**
 - i SAREI and Sustainability Alliance are looking at a handprint party on sustainable design of clothing.**

12. Maple Syrup

- i Eco club attended pancake breakfast at UNH where farmers spoke about effects of climate change**
- ii Major effects are the times harvest season start or end. More unpredictable than past years**

V. ADJOURNMENT

April meeting: Jacob to facilitate John to record