

CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
SOUTH PORTLAND ENERGY & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2013

So. Portland Community Center - Senior Wing

Call to order - 6:30pm.

- **Please note time change due to room scheduling needs**

Committee member attendance:

- Todd Erickson - Chair - District 2 - present
- Sabrina Dalton - Vice Chair - District 4 - present
- Peter Wilson - Secretary - At Large - present
- Brian Wallace - District 5 - present
- Bob Foster - At Large - present
- David Domingoes
- Heather Valley - District 4 Associate - absent
- Jessica Williams - Associate - present
- Mike Howe - District 2 appointee - present
- Doug Howard - City liaison - absent
- Karen Purinton - USM Capstone - present

Green Minute: Bring fresh ideas

- Motion to postpone until April meeting by ?, seconded by ?, vote unanimous.

Old Business:

- Acceptance of February's minutes: motion to postpone until April meeting by Todd, seconded by ?, unanimous vote.
- Continued discussion about and development of sub-committees' responsibilities:
 - Communications/Public Relations: general discussion regarding getting ERC efforts out to the public, feedback from City Hall about ERC purview and plans for future PR efforts.
 - Business Development (Events): Garbage to Garden February presentation, G2G links to future EcoMaine composting, composting in schools and the mechanics of establishing composting programs were discussed. Mike Howard volunteers to track recycling tonnages. A motion to make Recycling/Composting an ongoing docket item was made by Todd Erickson, seconded by David Domingoes - unanimous vote.

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- Facebook page renewal was discussed as a way to educate the community.
- An ERC sponsored South Portland “eco-fest” day to highlight energy savings, recycling, composting, farmer’s market, and local vendors. “Traction” around how we might do better was discussed. Calendar dates in the Fall that would not conflict with other events need to be found.
- Updates about the Portland Pipeline and Tar Sands Oil: -- I have no notes on this.
 - Feedback from March 11th workshop
 - Gather information to share with the public in unbiased manner.
- Discussion regarding Carbon Action Plan-Phase II:
 - Karen Purinton to provide update on Energy Action Plan Proposal
 - She has to leave early but provides us with information regarding energy block purchases.

Membership Report and Updates:

- New members - please invite your friends and neighbors!
- Bob Foster report on City Council, resignations, etc --- I have no notes on this.

New Business: Bring fresh ideas

- P/R, media, and education outreach plans
 - Todd contacts a teacher from South Portland to discuss collaboration between ERC and South Portland School System. Mahoney science teacher interested.
- Mike discusses programs for organics collection. EcoMaine has been planning for regional compostables capture for some time, believes this is the next step. G2G/EcoMaine linkage discussed.
- New Facebook page for ERC discussed.
- Dates, locations and ideas for the ERC event: 9/21-22 or 28-29? Morning, all day or afternoon. Vendors? ReVision, G2G, EcoMaine, Pinetree, Goodwill, Portland Water District, SP Conservation Commission, SP Land Trust. Good name for event. Music & entertainment.

Adjournment - 8:25

Next meeting: April 24, 2013 - 6:00pm

2nd Fl. Conference Room - Office Area.