

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 20 , 2016**

**So. Portland Community Center**

**Administrative Office Conference Room**

**Call to order - 6:30 pm.**

**Committee**

- Bob Foster - At Large (Beecher) Chair - **present**
- Clyde Barr - At Large (Beecher) - **present**
- Jessica Williams - At Large (Blake) Secretary - **present**
- Gregory Norton - At Large (Blake) - **absent**
- Rita Thompson - District 1 - **present**
- Rich Crowley - District 1- **absent**
- Vacant - District 2
- Melinda Timpf - District 2 - **present**
- Vacant - District 3
- William Fritzmeier - District 3 - **absent**
- Vacant - District 4
- Patrick Cyr - District 4 - **present**
- Vacant - District 5
- Andrew Snyder - District 5 - **present**
- Julie Rosenbach - City Liaison - **absent**
- Vacant - School Department Liaison

**Membership Report and Updates:**

**Old Business:**

- Acceptance of December's minutes: **Motion to accept: Rita Thompson.**  
**Seconded by Patrick Cyr. All in favor**
- Election of Officers - **Bob Foster** reelected as **Chair**, **Jessica Williams** elected as **Vice Chair**, **Andrew Snyder** volunteered to take on **Secretary** position.
- Updates on current City Council initiatives - **Bob: New ERC members being presented at tonight's City Council meeting.**
  - **There was discussion about the process of committee appointments**

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and communication between Committee Chair and City Clerk.

Mention of lack of City Councilor involvement in committees. Linda Cohen recruits for committees through Facebook which seems like a good idea, maybe there should be more of that with neighborhood association facebook pages.

- Ecomaine hasn't been updating recycling rate numbers for all member cities. Bob will remind Jim Gailey to bring this up at the Ecomaine board meeting. Someone suggested to Bob that the City's recycling rate should technically be higher since everything that isn't recycled is burned and turned into electricity.
- Community Energy Strategy/Climate Action Plan.
  - Ben lake will be at March mtg with updated ghg data. ERC presentation to City Council will take place sometime in April.
  - Bob presented a document from the National Home Performance Council, unlocking the full value of green homes. Bob goes to a conference late May early June about home energy tools. NH energy code challenge (for real estate professionals) could be useful tool for this committee.
  - NRCM sponsors a lot of energy and environmental fairs.
  - Sustainable Maine energy fair is coming up on Feb. 6th
  - New England Grass Roots Environment Fund may be a source of funding.
  - NREL is another resource - City- Level Energy Decision Making: Data Use in Energy Planning, Implementation and evaluation in US cities;
  - Dsire;
  - Committee will create a list of all Climate Action Plan resources for committee members to use. We will choose one or two documents at a time to look at for future meetings. CAP RESOURCES Document will be created in SOPO ERC Google Drive. We could also have a

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folder for other resources the committee might be interested in - instead of printing articles, etc, members can read or download as they wish.

- **Jessica to reorganize Google Drive. Everyone to contribute resources they find.**
- **Melinda can organize a Google drive tutorial for the group.**
- **Newsletter - status of upcoming articles and due dates**
  - **Due Feb. 1 - Andrew S. To write next article about considering impact of decisions on multiple levels - individual, community, region, state, etc.**
  - **Due Feb. 15: Bob will write article on plastic bag and styrofoam ordinances.**
  - **Due Feb. 29: Clyde to write about solar.**

**New Business:**

- **Melinda wants to get help and involvement from from college and his students. Tom Nickerson at smcc. Usm.**
- **Bob talked about On Earth Magazine from NCM; Spill Tracker; Methane leak in Porter Ranch California has reached 88 days.**

**Motion to adjourn: Jessica; seconded by Andrew. Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.**

Next meeting: Wed., February 17, 2016; 6:30pm - Community Center