

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

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2014

So. Portland Community Center

Large Conference Room

Call to order - 6:00pm.

Committee

- Bob Foster - At Large (Beecher) Chair - **Present**
- Jessica Williams - At Large (Blake) Secretary - **Present**
- Rita Thompson - District 1 - **Absent**
- Todd Erickson - District 2 - **Absent**
- Stanley Cox - District 3 - **Absent**
- Heather Valley - District 4 - **Absent**
- Michael Shutts - District 5 - **Present**
- Clyde Barr - At Large (Beecher) - **Present**
- David Domingos - Associate - At Large (Blake) - **Absent**
- Melinda Timpf - Associate - District 1 - **Absent**
- Mike Howe - Associate - District 2 - **Present**
- Julie Silverman - Associate - District 3 - **Absent**
- Eric Knutsen - Associate - District 4 - **Absent**
- Vacant - Associate - District 5
- Doug Howard - City Liaison - **Present**
- Vacant - School Department Liaison

Old Business:

- Acceptance of September's minutes - **Motion to accept, Jessica Williams. Seconded by Mike Howe. All in favor.**
- Evaluation/discussion of ideas submitted by S. P.resident - **A letter submitted to the committee with numerous suggestions about how the committee might forward its mission was discussed, with various members in favor of specific ideas about further education via a short "Energy and Recycling tips column" in the Sentry; engaging the Redbank residents in further**

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education about recycling and energy issues; increasing school involvement with recycling and composting.

- **Municipal Climate Action Plan - What next? Plans for Phase II - The Municipal Climate Action Plan was passed by the City Council and implementation of action items within the plan is being presented to City Department Heads. The City is also moving forward with plans to hire a Sustainability Coordinator to further help with implementation. This committee will start work on Phase II of the Climate Action Plan in January. All members come prepared to discuss ideas.**
- **Communications/Public Relations - Jessica - Tree planting campaign sponsored by the ERC was suggested, perhaps in partnership with the Conservation Committee. The ERC newsletter will include update recycling rates for South Portland and neighboring municipalities. Information about old, mercury thermostats and an available recycling program will also be included in the next newsletter.**
 - **Business Development (Events/outreach)**
 - **School Department - Outreach/update - The committee would like for a representative from the School Department to have a presence on the committee in order to help inform and coordinate the committee's actions and recommendations related to school recycling, composting and energy issues. It was suggested that perhaps student representatives would be a workable alternative.**

Old Business: (cont)

- **'City Minute' with Doug Howard - Public Works is still investigating the possibility of tagging trash and recycling carts, using a system similar to that is in place in a neighboring community. Doug is monitoring the implementation and the success and problems with the system. Public works will be working with Leo Mahue of EcoMaine to help bring Public**

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Works facilities in line with the Municipal Climate Action Plan.

'Green Minute': - Bob informed the committee about a new report released recently, the Department of Defence 2014 Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap.

Membership Report and Updates:

- Introduction to new member(s) + volunteers - **N/A**

New Business: Bring fresh ideas

- Joint venture with Conservation Committee? - **Zero Waste presentation. Pay to throw programs are proven to increase recycling rates, but it may not be necessary for the City to bring in a third party in order to implement such a program.**Open Forum:

Adjournment - 7:30 -**Motion to Adjourn, Mike Howe, Seconded by Clyde Barr.**

Next meeting: Wed., November 19, 2014 - Community Center