

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

Meeting Minutes

April 20 , 2016

So. Portland Community Center
Large 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) Vice Chair - present
- Gregory Norton - At Large (Blake) - present
- Rita Thompson - District 1 - absent
- Rich Crowley - District 1 - absent (phone)
- Vacant - District 2
- Melinda Timpf - District 2 - present
- Vacant - District 3
- Vacant - District 3
- Scott Lever - District 4 - absent
- Patrick Cyr - District 4 - absent
- David J. Cote - District 5 - absent
- Andrew Snyder - District 5 Secretary - present
- Julie Rosenbach - City Liaison - present
- Vacant - School Department Liaison

Guests

- Chris Rauscher
- Ben Lake

Membership Report and Updates:

- Introduction of new Members

Old Business:

- Acceptance of March's minutes - Jessica moved for acceptance, seconded by Clyde
- Swap Shop - Doug Howard - no news

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- GHG Inventory Update - Ben Lake, GPCOG presented an overview of the 2014 Inventory Update and passed out the draft of the South Portland 2014 Energy Use & Emissions Inventory Update - Report Outline. Ben has a goal of an approximately 10 page finished report, which should be accessible and concise. This report will compare the 2007 data (baseline) to the 2014 data. Some significant changes which affect the comparison are the renovation and increase in size of the South Portland High School as well as improved data collection for 2014 (vs. 2007), the decrease in electric power emissions due to the use of natural gas rather than coal for power generation, and an improved software, ClearPath for 2014 vs. CACP which was used in 2007. Overall 2014 compared to 2007 shows a 7.0 % increase in energy usage, yet a 12.9% decrease in cost and a 17% decrease in emissions.

- MCAP actions status report - Jessica Williams working with Julie Rosenbach on MCAP update and status of 25 actions - 7 completed, 15 in progress, 3 to be started (LED lighting for signs, Establishing lights out policy, and Setting up car pooling). Jessica and Julie are working on the Executive Summary to present progress/data.

Action items progress:

#1 Changing data tracking for energy use - in process

#2 Inventory update - in process

#3 Hire a sustainability coordinator - Julie Rosenbach hired

#4 Environmentally preferable purchasing (EPA) Anti-idling policy - in process

#5 All energy saving outside of Siemens contract documented - complete

#6 Encourage use of Zero waste program - guidance document written (Julie)

#7 Continue advocacy for Energy Efficiency Policies in Augusta - on going

#8 Replace refrigerators with Energy Star-rated - ongoing

#9 Install heat pumps - in process

#10 Separate combined heat/hot water systems - in process

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- #11 Install lighting while occupied sensors - in process
 - #12 Create green capital improvement budget - in process
 - #13 Leasing Nissan Leafs (total of 4 in city fleet)
 - #14 Replace fleet with more efficient models (see 13)
 - #15 Green fuels - biodiesel evaluation not successful
 - #16 Replace equipment with more efficient models - in process
 - #17 Strengthen anti-idling policy - in process
 - #18 Solar panel installation on buildings - in process
 - #19 Complete feasibility on Solar Farm - completed, contract still in negotiation
 - #20 Purchase and use policies
 - #21 Lights out policy - in process
 - #22 Carpooling - in process
 - #23 Eliminate desktop printers - completed
- Status of Solar legislation/Solar Landfill project - Bill passed but will be vetoed. Legislature meets on 4/29 to vote on override
 - Newsletter - status of upcoming articles and due dates:
 - next article 5/2 topic? - Jessica will do Swap shop.
 - 5/15 topic - composting (Tyler?) possibly 2-3 articles.
 - 5/30 - unassigned (second composting article),
 - 6/13 - Chris will do somethings
 - 6/27 - status of climate action plan.
 - Other possible topics - replacing old A/C with heat pumps. Appliance waste/smoke detector wastes, etc.

New Business:

- Educational Outreach - ERC may provide a primer on energy. This would be a presentation on different forms of energy and be a neutral presentation of facts.

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At the next meeting we will discuss how to put it together and what to do with it. Possibly plan this as a workshop event? The goal is to disseminate accurate information on energy use for the general population.

- REcycle electronics at USM e-recycle event this Saturday (4/23) 9-1 Bedford St.
- April Stools Day - Willard Beach, Hinckley Park, Bug Light, 4/23
- Barberry Creek - Clean up joint project with Conservation Commission, 5/7 (Saturday 9-12)
- Open Discussion

Adjournment - Jessica Williams moved for adjournment, Greg Norton seconded.

Next meeting: Wed., May 18, 2016 - Community Center