

**CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
SOUTH PORTLAND ENERGY & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 18th, 2013
South Portland Community Center**

Call to order – 6:00pm

Committee

- Todd Erickson – Chair, District 2
- Sabrina Dalton – Vice Chair, Absent
- Brian Wallace – Secretary, District 5
- Peter Wilson – At Large-
- Bob Foster – At Large-Associate
- Heather Valley – District 4
- Jessica Williams – Associate- At Large
- Mike Howe – Associate
- Rita Thompson – District 1
- David Domingos - At Large, Absent
- Stanley Cox- District 3, Absent
- Doug Howard – City Liaison, Absent
- Eric Knutsen- District 4- At Large

Minutes from Previous Meeting (June 2013)

Minutes were accepted with all in favor.

Green Minute:

Julie Pitt- gave letters from her students to the Committee. We will discuss them in the October meeting.

Revision Heat has a Kedel Wood Pellet System that would save over \$1500 yearly in home heating cost and reduce Co2 by 90%.

Old Business:

Grant money available for the Sustainability Coordinator through the E.P.A. & U.S.D.A. This issue will be made a Priority Issue.

The Committee will discuss the development of sub-committees in the October meeting.

EcoMaine:

Doug Howard not present to speak about the collaboration with Leo Mahue, Recycling Educator with Eco Maine.

Mike Howe told the Committee that the City is at 29% for curbside collection for

recycling.

City Minute:

Tar Sands received enough signatures for the City to work on a Waterfront Protection Ordinance. Committee postponed any talk on issue until after Election Day.

Carbon Action Plan:

There is money being saved by City due to a reduction of greenhouse gases by 16.9%.

Most of the focus is based around the Business Community.

Comprehensive Plan is on the City website.

Willard Fest:

The Committee discussed how the event went. There was a large turnout and overwhelming support for recycling. There were concerns though about poorly placed and lack of labeling on the barrels. There was confusion on which barrels were recycling and trash.

Facebook:

The Committee will find out with the City Clerk on to use page.

Membership Reports & Updates:

Mike Howe to be sworn in.

Todd Erickson stepped down as Chair of Committee but will remain on as a member.

Bob Foster was voted in as Chair.

New Business:

The Committee discussed the idea of barrels being tagged to keep an eye on who's recycling and how often. Possibility of a reward program was discussed.

Apartment complexes- is there any way for them getting the blue bins?

The Committee will try to be more involved through Parks and Recreation for City Events.

The Committee discussed the usefulness of the Bottle Bill. Eric Knutsen will volunteer time to look into the issue at the Community Colleges.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Next Meeting:

October 23rd, 2013 @ 6:00pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Community Center.

Minutes taken by Brian Wallace