

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

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2018
6:00pm – 8:00pm

S. Portland Community Center
Large Conference Room

Committee Members

Jessica Williams - District 1 – **Vice-Chair P**

Andrew Capelluti - District 2 – **Chair P**

Greg Williams – District 1 **A**

Taylor Strubell – District 2 **Secretary P**

Michele Danois – District 2 **A**

Jaime Madore – District 2 **P**

Daniel Paul – District 3 **P**

Joseph Fournier - District 5 **P**

Ellen Zimmerman - District 2 **P**

Jessica Walker District 4 **A**

Vacant - School Department Liaison

Lucy Brennan - City Liaison **A**

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Window Dressers update: Our workshop is posted on FB, and one can share the WD FB page. We are still passing out rack cards/flyers. Additional measurers, Krystal and Joe Fournier, Lucy Brennan and Daniel Paul. Jessica Williams will reach out to Elissa Armstrong for a training session, which will be held at Ellen's house, 50 Gowdy Street, Sunday August 5th from 2 to 5 PM. All should have Measuring team guide and review prior to the meeting.

Would Redbank want WD inserts? Joe to talk to the maintenance people and put flyers in the Central office. Everyone who distributes flyers should send list to Jessica Williams as to where they left them so we don't duplicate.

Our cut off for having all our measures to WD is Dec. 1

There was a question as to why no pricing on the flyer. We postulated that the pricing was variable due to the many different sizes of windows.

Electrical Substation: There was a concurrent meeting (which Lucy attended, we believe) regarding CMP's desire to expand and raise the footprint of their substation off Waterman Drive behind the marina. We discussed the concept of micro grid versus regular electricity distribution vis a vis the Climate Action Plan and the fact that electricity generation typically is not clean. Discussion about grid solar Boothbay project.

Ecomaine: June 29 through July 5 the average contamination rate in recycle bins in SoPo was 25%! ecomaine would like it to be closer to 5% if at all. Joe went around Redbank on some Fridays (their pickup day) and their rate is lessening, so hopefully Lucy's intern is making a difference. "When in doubt throw it out." should be the motto. Probably the worst offenders are plastic bags which gum up the conveyors at ecomaine and CAN be recycled in barrels next to the Clynk drop off at Hannafords. There is an Ap on SoPo website which allows you to enter an item and the Ap indicates whether to recycle or toss.

Membership: Our City Council passed the changes we suggested to lower our membership to 7, by attrition, with a few caveats: The minutes need to be to the City Clerk's office by the 3rd of the following month, and attendance or lack thereof must be noted, as well as how many meetings the member has been absent in the past 12 months. I believe The note from the City Clerk was circulated to all ERC members. The minutes will have to be approved or amended by email, from now on in order to meet the deadline.

Other Business: Lucy reported via Andrew (I believe) that she had good information about energy efficient school building and had forwarded to the school building committee who seem to be fully on board with as low an energy use as possible.

Andrew is cooking up a proposal for a pedestrian path from Hinkley park to Knightville via the power line path.

Jaime is to check with Eastern Trail to see time frame for the hookup with the Greenbelt bike path.

Discussion on website visibility for what we would like to see and whats happening, maybe the top 3 techniques to save energy, landscaping tied to energy savings, health benefits of exercise. Andrew is to look into this.

Discussion on enforcement of pesticide ordinance, passing out rewards versus punishing.

Discussion around SoPo organic lawn care day with equipment out in a field?

Meeting Adjourned 7:55 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Taylor Strubell, Sec.