

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

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019
6:30pm – 8:00pm

S. Portland Community Center
Large Conference Room

Committee Members

Jessica Williams - District 1 – Chair P

Andrew Capelluti - District 2 – Vice Chair A

Taylor Strubell – District 2 Secretary P

Michele Danois – District 2 P

Jaime Madore – District 2 P

Also Present:

Amy Eschoo-350 Maine

Kathrine Harrelson-350 Maine

Joan Saxe- Sierra Club

Andy Burt- Sierra Club

Cassie Cain- 350 Maine (via phone)

Daniel Paul – District 3 A

Ellen Zimmerman District 2 P

Jessica Walker District 4 A

Vacant - School Department Liaison

Lucy Brennan - City Liaison P

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Special Meeting for sharing ideas with 350 Maine and Sierra Club and the ERC for projects

Brain Storming Session for Projects:

- 1) Andrew suggested planting trees for shade in various house lots.
- 2) Anti Idling Campaign in SoPo- either gin up a sample ordinance or conduct a campaign.
- 3) Sustainability pledge from food establishments in SoPO, for example ask them to do 3 of 6? Example from Mount Desert Island: No plastic straws, no styrofoam, no plastic to go bags, reusable cups, plates and bowls (or compostable ones), no plastic garbage bags, compost food waste.
- 4) Supporting walkable bikeable trails
- 5) Video series on recycling with ecomaine

Discussion:

All or any will need outreach engagement with all involved,. Should their be target groups?Down the road Sustainability office to use ERC to bring outreach to target groups 350 Maine is willing to work with municipalities to support anything the municipalities are working on: Portland Climate Action Plan, Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative for example.

Sierra Club is developing climate action teams around the state also getting solar on landfills and schools.

Sierra Club to do (or did) a canvas about energy savings and adaption to climate change SoPo had a grant to study sea level rise, canvased 4,000 homes. Goal of 100% of homes weatherized by 2030, pamphlet from Efficiency Maine re weatherization.

Just getting information out through canvasing. People don't seem to know about Window Dressers or Efficiency Maine as they should. We should publicize SoPo Climate Action Plan when complete.

Use Thomaston for example 15 volunteers canvased 8,700 people.

In any case whatever project we decide on we should stay in loop with 350 and S.C. So we can volunteer at each others functions.

Re Idling ordinance, Freeport worked with DEP in 2005 on a antiidling campaign.

Committee decided on working on the sustainability pledge.

ToDo:

Get list of all food businesses in SoPo and have a face to face meeting with the sustainability pledge in hand. We know some are already doing if to some level, but developing the pledge on paper and meeting will quantify what is going on.

We need a lot of planning to figure out what we need to do next. People in 350 could have 1 person interested in food sustainability and train some 350 volunteers

Lucy: Sustainability Office is interested in working in benchmarks for sustainability pledge.

Cassie can obtain and email the model from MDI for us to check out.

We will have that before our next meeting. W

We decided to have another meeting on Feb 27to discuss the MDI model and get the ball rolling.

Adjourn 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Strubell