

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

Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2018
6:00pm – 8:00pm

S. Portland Community Center
Big Conference Room

Committee Members

Jessica Williams - District 1 – **Vice-Chair P**
Andrew Capelluti - District 2 – **Chair P**
Taylor Strubell – District 2 **Secretary P**
Michele Danois – District 2 P
Jaime Madore – District 2 P
Daniel Paul – District 3

Joseph Fournier - District 5
Ellen Zimmerman District 2 P
Jessica Walker District 4 P
Vacant - School Department Liaison
Lucy Brennan - City Liaison

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Agenda: Window Dressers update

Sustainability liaison update

Membership committee positions for 2019

Pitch Spring project possibilities after we debrief from Window Dressers

Jessica gave a WindowDressers update a copy of which is attached. There was about an hour of discussion regarding this update.

We discussed contacting WCSH and the SoPo city film team as well as other ways to publicize the workshop, perhaps for next year.

Jessica Williams and Taylor will volunteer at the Wells workshop in December to sharpen their memories of building the inserts.

We also discussed the various options regarding the food needs for the workshop as we have much donated already.

Next was an update from Lucy Brennan on the Sustainability Office a copy of which is attached.

We decided to dedicate December's meeting to WindowDressers, with perhaps a short Sustainability update.

January's meeting will include a debrief of WindowDressers, election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for 2019.

Several ideas for next project: Passive solar techniques, i.e. plant a deciduous tree in front of a window providing shade in the Summer, and allowing sunlight for solar gain in the winter. . Maybe a group project where we get trees from the city and help homeowners plant them.

Secondly Jamie suggested we look at bench marking restaurants for food waste.

Thirdly Jessica Williams suggested providing signage and other education regarding vehicle idling and the resulting addition to pollution and carbon and fuel use/waste. Idling is rampant on the Bridge, school buses at schools,also at Bug Light and other popular places. Is there a need for an anti idling ordinance?

We believe the SoPo Police did a pilot regarding shutting off their cars while letting their lights, etc on and blinking when on street duty or construction areas.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50

Respectively Submitted,

**Taylor Strubell
ERC Secretary**