

**CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE**  
**SOUTH PORTLAND ENERGY & RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 15, 2013**  
**South Portland Community Center**

Call to order – 6:00pm

Committee

- Todd Erickson – Chair, District 2
- Sabrina Dalton – Vice Chair, District 4
- Brian Wallace – Secretary, District 5
- Peter Wilson – At Large
- Bob Foster – At Large
- Heather Valley – District 4 Associate
- Jessica Williams – Associate
- Mike Howe – District 2 (absent)
- Rita Thompson – District 1, New Appointee
- Doug Howard – City Liaison (absent)

**Minutes from Previous Meeting (April 2013)**

Minutes were accepted with all in favor

**Green Minute:**

Re-cap on the Solar Electric project on Planning & Development Office. Bob Foster stated that the project is currently on line and producing electricity at this time.

**Old Business:**

The Carbon Action Plan – Phase II. Karen Purinton presented her final findings of her capstone project. She will be emailing her results to all members. She has found grant money available for the Sustainability Coordinator through the E.P.A. & U.S.D.A.

**EcoMaine:** Update was scratched due to Mike Howe being absent.

**City Minute:** Update was scratched due to Doug Howard being absent.

**Willard Fest:**

The committee had a discussion in regards to being involved in the upcoming Willard Fest on July 13<sup>th</sup> and/or 14<sup>th</sup>. A tabling effort will be in place to provide educational outreach about recycling and energy conservation. Garbage to Garden will be there. The City and Pine tree Waste are also involved with waste management.

**Facebook:**

The committee had a discussion in regards to there being a Facebook page for the committee. This will be handled by the City Clerk's office.

**Membership Reports & Updates:**

Todd Erickson introduced Rita Thompson to the committee.

Brian Wallace was voted in by the committee to be the new secretary for the committee.

**Climate Action Plan:**

Bob Foster reported to the committee that the Climate Action Plan is being discussed in a City Council Workshop.

**New Business:**

Todd presented an update to the committee on the collaboration between the E.R.C. and the South Portland School system. Julie Pitt, science teacher at Mahoney Middle School, will be at the June meeting to discuss composting opportunities for her students.

The committee is still in discussion in regards to organizing an E.R.C. event to help educate the community on recycling opportunities.

Heather Valley reported that Idexx Laboratories has begun using the Garbage to Garden program and they are experiencing positive results at this time.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

**Next Meeting:**

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 6:00pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Community Center.

Minutes taken by Brian Wallace