

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

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019
6:30pm – 8:00pm

S. Portland Community Center
Large 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 A
Jaime Madore – District 2 A

Daniel Paul – District 3 P
Ellen Zimmerman District 2 P
Jessica Walker District 4 P
Vacant - School Department Liaison
Lucy Brennan - City Liaison P

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Agenda: Window Dressers debrief
2019 Chair, Vice Chair and Sec. Elections
Future Projects

We wanted to thank SMCC for the wonderful space, Sierra Club and 350 Maine for volunteer support as well as food and Hannaford, Amatos, Ananias, Aroma Joes, Scratch and the Cookie Jar for their donations. Allagash Brewery for a van to haul all the jigs, etc to their workshop later in January.

We ended up finishing the build at noon on Thursday and all the window inserts had been picked up or delivered by Noon on Friday. As a reminder we had over 315 inserts built and several brought in for repairs. Jessica Williams (and I concurred) that this was one of the most collaborative projects in which she has been involved. Every day there was a sense of community engagement as between 10 and 20 volunteers pitched in and built the inserts.

Jaime is to work up a draft of a thank you letter, Jessica Williams will send letter to SMCC and Jessica Walker to all the businesses involved.

Hopefully we can project this forward as a regular project for the ERC.

Jaime and Ellen noted that what we had was a huge win for our committee and perhaps we needed to be more task focused, like maybe 2 projects a year? While we have a project going on, the Sustainability Office can tap back into this group

Might there be CDBG money available further down the road?

Apparently there is a new grass roots environmental fund. Is there money there?

Andrew brought up the opposite effect of insulating windows. The city will provide free tree plantings on public or private land. Do you need a permit? Andrew to follow up.

Discussion about roles within the committee: Secretary takes notes and forwards back to the members as well as the City Clerk's office and provides the City Clerk's office with attendance. (As an aside it was noted that Joe Fournier has left the committee)

The Chair books the room, sends an agenda both to the committee and the City Clerk by the Friday before the meeting and leads the meeting.

The Vice Chair stands in for the Chair if needed.

Nominations: Chair- Jessica Williams by Jaime, seconded by me

Vice Chair- Andrew by Jessica Williams, seconded by Daniel

Secretary- Me by Jessica and seconded by Jessica.

All votes unanimous in favor of the nominees.

More discussion about future possible projects: Tree planting, idling ordinance, goat ordinance (landscaping). The Sustainability Office may be asking for more of our support in projects going forward.

Lucy spoke that the Sustainability Offices of Scarborough, Windham, Portland and Falmouth are putting together a plan for 10 interns to do outreach and education with folks regarding what goes in recycling bins similar to what South Portland did last Summer on the West Side. They are hoping to get funding from ecomaine and or Falmouth community service credits.

Julie had meetings regarding the Community Action Plan creating events to bring people together.

This will be on the agenda for a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Strubell