

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

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2014

So. Portland Community Center

Large Conference Room

Call to order - 6:00pm.

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Committee

- Bob Foster - At Large (Beecher) Chair - **Present**
- Jessica Williams - At Large (Blake) Secretary - **Present**
- Rita Thompson - District 1 - **Absent**
- Todd Erickson - District 2 - **Absent**
- Stanley Cox - District 3 - **Present**
- Heather Valley - District 4 - **Absent**
- Michael Shutts - District 5 - **Present**
- Clyde Barr - At Large (Beecher) - **Present**
- David Domingos - Associate - At Large (Blake) - **Absent**
- Melinda Timpf - Associate - District 1 - **Present**
- Mike Howe - Associate - District 2 - **Absent**
- Julie Silverman - Associate - District 3 - **Absent**
- Eric Knutsen - Associate - District 4 - **Present**
- Vacant - Associate - District 5
- Doug Howard - City Liaison - **Absent**
- Vacant - School Department Liaison

Old Business:

- Acceptance of October's minutes - **Motion to accept - Eric Knutsen; Seconded - Mike Shutts**
- **Waste Zero: There will be a City Council workshop sometime in spring to discuss Waste Zero. This committee will draft a recommendation to submit to the council before this workshop.**
- Follow-up discussion of ideas submitted by S. P.resident - **The committee discussed again the suggestion items submitted by a South Portland**

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resident. We are still waiting to hear back from Mike Howe about the possibility of a periodic “ERC Tips” column for the Sentry; Bob will be meeting with Kevin at the Library to discuss how the ERC can collaborate with the Library. Jessica will look into a tree planting campaign for the city.

- Municipal Climate Action Plan - What next? Plans for Phase II - **Bob updated the committee on Climate Action Plan related items. There now exists a Climate Action Plan Implementation Reserve Account. 50 recycling containers have been purchased for various municipal offices. The City will be posting for a full-time, permanent position of Sustainability Coordinator.**
- Communications/Public Relations - Jessica - **Multi-pronged approach is necessary in order to increase awareness about the work of the committee and recycling and energy issues.**
 - Business Development (Events/outreach) -
 - School Department - Outreach/update - **City Council is adamant about School Department participation on this committee. Members of this committee will draft letters to Superintendent Godin requesting such participation.**

Old Business: (cont)

- ‘City Minute’ with Doug Howard - **Doug was absent**

‘Green Minute’:

Membership Report and Updates:

- Introduction to new member(s) + volunteers

New Business: Bring fresh ideas

- Joint venture with Conservation Committee? - **Bob will be meeting with Waste Zero representative tomorrow 11/20/14 and the Conservation Committee next week.**

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- **Open Forum: - Jaime Garvin from the Cape Elizabeth Energy and Recycling Committee sat in on this meeting in an effort to see if the two committees can learn from each other and share ideas.**

Adjournment - 7:40pm; Motion to adjourn - Stan Cox; Seconded - Jessica Williams

Next meeting: Wed., December 17, 2014 - Community Center