

# BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Portsmouth City Hall

## Meeting Minutes

### Members present:

Bert Cohen, Sandi Hennequin, Gary Epler, Ann Walker, Ned Reynolds, and Tom Rooney.

Also in attendance: Deputy City Manager – Cindy Hayden, Environmental Planer – Peter Britz, and City Zoning Consultant – Rick Taintor.

1. Introduction of Rick Taintor and his role in revising Portsmouth's Land Use Regulations  
*Cindy Hayden – Deputy City Manager*

Cindy Hayden introduced Rick Taintor to the Committee.

2. Presentation on Land Use Regulations and Revision Process  
*Rick Taintor*

Rick Taintor gave an overview of the process involved in reviewing and revising the current zoning regulations, including what is and is not covered in this review.

3. Discussion of how Sustainability is addressed in the Land Use Regulations

Rick Taintor and Cindy Hayden highlighted the areas within the zoning regulations where sustainability is either addressed or potentially could be better addressed in the future. Bert Cohen suggested that the four system conditions associated with the Natural Step framework be included in the introduction or preface of the zoning regulations. Bert felt that this would match the Portsmouth Master Plan. There was also a discussion of ways to provide developers with incentives for building to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) guidelines.

4. Discussion of Committee's input to the Revision process

The Committee will be given a draft of the Audit Report of the zoning regulations to review in either late October or November. The Committee will then submit comments and questions, as appropriate. It was also suggested that the Committee speak publicly to support the sustainability components of the draft regulations, once they are developed and incorporated.

5. Wrap-up & Adjourn

Chairman Rooney adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>.