

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 24, 2008 - 7-9pm
City Manager's Conference Room, 4th Floor
Portsmouth City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Committee members present were Bert Cohen, Gary Epler, Tom Rooney and Sandi Hennequin. Peter Britz from City Staff was present. Bert Cohen facilitated the meeting and Sandi Hennequin recorded minutes.

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action / Decision | Key Person |
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| 1. Opening | 7:15 PM | | |
| 2. Check in | Peter Britz announced his new title -- Environmental Planner and Sustainability Coordinator | | All |
| 3. January 12th Study Circle meeting | Provided update on January 12th Study circle meeting -- widely attended with Jim Noucas (Study circles), City Manager and close to 80 attendees. Noucas signed up about 18 people for a potential 5 future study circles. | | Bert Cohen |
| 4. Portwalk | Discussed the Portwalk project and what role the Sustainability Committee might play in the process. We agreed that as a Committee, we will operate with extreme caution in weighing in on any project. | | Bert Cohen |
| 5. Zoning Revisions | Peter gave an update on where the City is with the zoning ordinance and mentioned that Mayor Ferrini and City Manager Bohenko will be at our next meeting to discuss this issue, and green buildings in particular. Discussed need for having the four systems conditions in the purpose statement of the zoning ordinance and some examples of incentives used by other cities. | | Tom Rooney |
| 6. ICLEI Process | Discussed next step in process which is the development of an action plan. Peter discussed his new role and the plan to bring city departments together on a monthly or bimonthly basis to discuss sustainability and what the departments are doing. Committee discussed that a potential role for the | | Tom Rooney |

| | | Decision | |
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| | Committee is to review these items and help develop a framework for an action plan. | | |
| 7. Dennis Meadows | Discussed presentation that Dennis gave to NH Charitable Foundation on peak oil and whether we would like to hear the presentation. | Bert will circulate copy of presentation to Committee to review. | Bert Cohen |
| 8. Combined Heat & Power | The town of Epping recently installed a CHP at its town hall. The manufacturer will be doing a ribbon cutting on February 7th and has invited our Committee to the event. | | Tom Rooney |
| 9. Other Business | <p>Discussed the mission of our Committee -- is part of our mission raising the awareness of the four systems conditions in the community? Is education part of the mission? How would we interact with the Carbon Coalition?</p> <p>International Eco-Municipality conference in Helsingborg, Sweden from May 27-29, 2008.</p> <p>Next meeting is Thursday, February 21st. Sandi agreed to arrange for the facilitator for the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.</p> | <p>Bert will type up his ideas of our mission for the next meeting.</p> <p>Agenda item for next meeting is to hear what Mayor Ferrini envisions for our Committee & what our thoughts are.</p> | Bert Cohen |