

**Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee On Sustainable Practices
Meeting Minutes, September 25, 2008**

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Date: Sept 25,2008 Time: 7:00 pm Location: City Manager's conference room, City Hall	Present: Tom Rooney, Bert Cohen, Skye Maher, Peter Britz, Karina Quintas, Ann Walker Facilitator: Bert Recorder: Skye	Next Meeting: Oct. 8, 2008 Facilitator Recorder:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Decision	Key Person
1. Check in			
2.Community Gardens and update on PSI meeting	At the PSI meeting several people were interested in developing community gardens, Jenny Isler has developed a plan of action and Roddy Cole will be following up with organization. There will likely be a search and request for use of city land.	Community support will be coming from others. We will be asked for support.	Skye
3 Energy Barn-Raising and Light Bulb initiative	Gary Epler presented (at PSI meeting) an opportunity to distribute CFL bulbs around the community. Volunteers signed up to help him. Energy Barn-raising is an initiative led by Michael Bliss to create a group of people who are interested in helping each other install solar hot-water on private buildings.	To support initiatives begun by others.	Skye
4 Silverware use in School system	Ann Walker reported that none of the schools currently have dishwashers and labor for utensil cleaning is a concern. The lunch program is fiscally unstable at the moment and it appears that biodegradable alternatives are more expensive.	Peter Britz will address it in a letter...see below.	Ann Walker
5 Addressing Councilor Spear's letter/request	Peter Britz will address the letter with regard to specific items	Peter Britz will start a letter and review it with Committee.	Peter Britz
6.Planning for the future	The three existing players (City, Portsmouth Listens, PSI) could sponsor the development of a five year plan to have a common vision and common goal for sustainability. We need to design a successful program, which means we need to identify the stakeholders and garner their support to build a community wide sustainability plan. A full day retreat is probably needed to	BR Committee propose that we design that will develop a broad base of support for a plan.	Committee

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	<p>develop the questions and design of our vision and process.</p> <p>1. result we want from our meeting is that we have a process to put in place a successful 5-year plan for an eco-municipality</p> <p>2. we will want to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what process will we use • we will want committee ownership • we will want to identify community voices <p>3. We will rough out a potential time line, an initial meeting time, convening of study circles, and a draft of what the plan will look like...describe specific goals, using 350, or the 2030 challenge, etc.</p> <p>After we convene the initial meeting the identified community voices will develop and design the campaign for the larger study group...the larger membership</p> <p>5. Study circle format encourages education and adds value.</p> <p>6. After the initial discussions, then a second round can address more specific items.</p>		
7. ICLE plan	<p>ICLE has a clearly laid out process for "How to build consensus" in community. Peter suggested we might use ICLEI information and the Keene city plan to develop our outreach plan.</p>		Peter Britz
8 Request for meeting change	<p>Change meeting time to the 2nd Wednesday of each month</p>		Tom
9.Retreat time to develop plan	<p>Suggested dates are for a morning meeting (8am-1pm) on Oct. 3, Oct 9 or Oct 10. Tom will send an email to those not present to see their availability.</p>		Tom
Evaluation			