

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2008 - 7-9pm
City Manager's Conference Room, 4th Floor
Portsmouth City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Committee members present were Bert Cohen, Gary Epler, Tom Rooney, Ann Walker, and new Committee member Karina Quintans. Bert Cohen facilitated the meeting and Tom Rooney recorded minutes.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Decision	Key Person
1. Old Business	Bert gave an overview of the Zoning 101 seminar from May. Cindy Hayden provided the full Committee with copies of the Zoning 101 presentation.		
2. Change a Light Campaign for Portsmouth	Gary gave a summary of the CFL lighting initiative from Manchester, VT. Bert noted that the Piscataqua Sustainability Initiative might be a good vehicle for such a project. He will bring it up at their next meeting in September.	Discuss a "Change-a-Light" campaign idea with PSI.	Bert
3. Report from Bi-State Green Project Meeting on June 12 th	Tom gave a summary of the Bi-State Green Project meeting held on June 12 th . The meeting was a brainstorming session to discuss how climate change should be addressed in Maine & New Hampshire. The Project is administered by the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation.		
4. Report from Sweden Eco-Municipality Conference & Slide Show	Bert provided the Committee with the presentation that he gave at the Eco-Municipality Conference in Sweden. The presentation was excellent and gave the Committee a fuller understanding of what it means for Portsmouth to be an Eco-Municipality.		
5. Evaluation	The Committee welcomed Karina to the group.		