

Group: Mayor's Committee on Sustainable Practices		
Date: \Feb 26, 2009 Time: 7 p.m. Location: Manager's conference room	Present: Ann Walker, Karina Quintans, Bert Cohen, Skye Maher, Peter Britz Facilitator: Bert Cohen Recorder: Skye Maher	Next Meeting: March 26, 2009 Facilitator Recorder:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Decision	Key Person
1 check in			
2. ICLEI	Inventory done on 2006 data, Shannon Rogers, intern, will go through the depts. Of the city and present some options for things they can do and then let them come up with others to add to the process. Also working on target setting.	Peter will speak at the ICLEI conference in NY in May	
3 CARBON CHALLENGE	The City of Keene and City of Portsmouth municipal employees will begin a carbon challenge April 1. subsequently we will have a challenge between the citizenry of the cities, beginning in May.	Planning to have a booth at the Sustainability Fair and events throughout the year to maintain enthusiasm.	Peter Britz
4 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER	City is putting a green newsletter together that will be included in the Portsmouth Herald, that will focus attention on local households.		
5 GARY AND SANDI	Gary Epler and Sandi Henniquin are both unable to continue on the committee. We will invite them to join us soon for a recognition gathering.	Bert will make contact with them.	
6. FIVE-YEAR SUSTAINABILITY PLAN	This committee, Portsmouth Listens and Piscataqua Sustainability Initiative are in accord to work on the development of a sustainability plan for the "rest of us" in the city (outside the municipal arena). Bert and Skye met with John Bohenko today to discuss the plan and get his input. His prime suggestion was that the committee not be larger than	Bert	

	<p>nine persons for efficiency. We discussed regional vs. city and decided upon City at this time. The invitational meeting for the first list of participants is scheduled for Mar. 12, Library Langdon Room, 7 p.m. Ann moved that we accept the hand, Karina seconded. The vote was unanimous.</p>		
7 SUSTAINABILITY FAIR	<p>FAIR planning sessions are underway, this year there will be a speakers series before the fair, a house tour, perhaps a human powered vehicle rally, the art show will be on earlier in the Library. Peter Britz wants a contact person for the fair for the City website.</p>		
8 FUTURE DIRECTION	<p>We should plan for an intro and training session for the new members. What is our objective of our work? Are we still a policy board as originally suggested? Karina has felt frustrated by the lack of action, that the committee is underutilized. How do we get more power into the work that we do?</p> <p>We need to have a common vision and a work plan for the committee, Are we an action committee or a policy committee? Are we doing anything?</p> <p>Our common vision is to integrate the Natural Step system conditions into the culture of the city.</p>	<p>Kquintans@comcast.net Karina has not been receiving minutes. Please make certain her name is included on all the lists.</p> <p>Karina/Bert</p>	
9. SCHOOL PLANNING	<p>Next month we would like to have a discussion of the new school planning. How can we influence the design of the new Middle School to be a school for the future? We would like to have an influence on the</p>		

	design and the Joint Building Committee.		
Evaluation			