

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE  
PRACTICES

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2010 MEETING

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Facilitator, Bert Cohen, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Bert Cohen, Skye Maher, Gary Epler, Tom Rooney, Peter Britz,  
Brett Pasinella

ABSENT: Ann Walker

GUESTS: Silke Psula, Portsmouth Solid Waste Coordinator  
Rodney Rowland, Strawberry Banke

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM December 17, 2009**

Minutes accepted.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Preparation for Work Session with City Council on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15pm  
to Present Policy Recommendations for:**

- a. Pay as You Throw**
- b. Zero Waste**

Silke Psula provided a presentation on the City of Portsmouth's Solid Waste Program. This presentation would start off the City Council work session and provide a basis for discussing the two Policy Recommendations. From there, Tom Rooney would provide a brief description of the Policy Recommendation Form, how it was developed and its purpose. Gary Epler would lead the discussion of the Pay-As-You-Throw recommendation and Skye Maher would lead the Zero Waste discussion.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Proposal**

City is considering submitting two proposals to perform energy efficiency upgrades of two City buildings.

**2. Update on Five Year Sustainability Planning Process**

A meeting to discuss the findings of the first round of Study Circles will be held at the PHS Library on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm.

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Skye Maher noted the Court Street energy efficient lighting project. This could be a good project to review and use as an example for other similar efforts in the future.

Next meeting will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in the City Manager's Conference Room.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.