

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

October 28, 2010 MEETING

DATE: October 28, 2010
TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
PLACE: CITY MANAGER’S CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Minutes

- I. ATTENDANCE: Bert Cohen, Peter Britz, Skye Maher, Brett Pasinella, Tom Rooney**

- II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM September 23, 2010**

- III. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Presentation Social Capital and Sustainability Study** – *Shannon Rogers offered a concise analysis and overview of her doctoral dissertation, which used ten neighborhoods in Portsmouth and Manchester (each) to compare indices of social capital.*
 - 2. **What can we do to help move attention to the problems being encountered by the Great Bay?** *Item deferred to next month.*
 - 3. **What policy recommendations we will make this year to the city council or other important groups?** *Investigating some form of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) loans.*
 - 4. *Bert Cohen provided an overview of Portsmouth’s inclusion in the list of seven finalists for the R. Mohn award. There will be interviewers visiting Portsmouth in November.*

- IV. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Follow-up Discussion of Committee's Near Term Priorities**
 - a. **Initiative within city and school department leadership to Sustainability** – *Tabled until next month.*
 - b. **Further ideas on activities to raise awareness?** – *Sustainability Fair, NH Film Festival*
 - c. **Purchasing standards for the City?** – *This would be a good item for a Policy Recommendation.*

- VII. ADJOURNED at 8:55pm**