

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

November 18, 2010 MEETING

DATE: November 18, 2010
TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
PLACE: CITY MANAGER’S CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Minutes

- I. **ATTENDANCE: Bert Cohen, Peter Britz, Skye Maher, Drew Martin, Tom Rooney**
- II. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM October 28, 2010**
- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Discussion of Initiative within school department leadership to promote Sustainability** – *All schools currently recycle and sustainability is involved in curriculum. At the High School, Ecology class is required and includes three hours of Community service. Committee action should focus on investigating the use of Styrofoam at the High School. It was also discussed that it would be helpful to identify sustainability “champions” in each school.*
 2. **PACE Legislation – Opportunities for Portsmouth?** – *Drew Martin volunteered to look into the PACE program recently enacted in Durham.*
- IV. **MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 1. **Follow-up Discussion of Committee's Near Term Priorities**
 - a. **Policy Recommendation – Purchasing standards for the City** – *The City’s procurement standards are due to be updated soon so there may be a good opportunity to propose sustainability components. Peter Britz will look into the process that the City uses to purchase large items. It was noted that the School Department currently purchases green cleaning products.*
 - b. **Further ideas on policy recommendations and activities to raise awareness** – *Add recycling barrels downtown and move forward on ICLEI Action Plan.*
- VII. **ADJOURNED at 8:45pm**