

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

October 24, 2019

Date: October 24, 2019

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Place: Conference room A, City Hall

Attending: Bert Cohen (facilitator), Peter Britz, Jacob Levenson, John Kennedy, Larry Larriviere, Tracey Cameron, Phoebe Luneau – Eco Club (recorder)

## Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Acceptance of minutes from September 26, 2019 [all in favor]
- III. New business

**Single-use disposable ordinance** - *postponed*

**Committee updates** – *We will need to get our mission in front of the new city manager and the new mayor (when elected). The committee functions at the request of the mayor and it will be important to relay the value of sustainability to the community.*

**Library non- fiction book club** - *Bert hosted the first of three book clubs which were very successful with great community participation.*

**Community outreach on energy efficiency** – *Brainstorming for ideas to raise awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency in the community. It would be helpful to reach candidates for city council to let them know climate change issues are important to the community. Refrigerants are a large problem that should be addressed. Food waste could be a focus of a community campaign. We should look at benchmarking city buildings for efficiency and will look for opportunities to improve efficiency and resiliency measures in the city building codes. Peter noted that energy efficiency could provide the greatest benefit for climate change that the community can make.*

**2020 meeting schedule facilitators / minute takers** – *completed*

- IV. Adjournment

Minutes taken by Phoebe Luneau – Portsmouth High School Eco club