

**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE
PRACTICES
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Remote Meeting Via Zoom Conference Call
January 29, 2021 MEETING**

MINUTES

Members present:

Committee: Bert Cohen, Peter Britz, Carrie Mayo, Cliff Lazenby, Larry Lariviere, John Kennedy
Guests: Rebecca O'Brien, Valentina Giordano, Aubrey Gewehr, Roy H. Helsel, Melissa Paly,
Peter Vandermark

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM December 28, 2020
- III. Discussion of new School Board member Pip Clews
- IV. Peter spoke about The Power Coalition of NH. He and Peter Vandermark are attempting to get more info on NH 315 bill to enact a proposal on Community Power Initiative. Cliff commented on the viability of it. Bert suggested contacting House Representative Jacki Cali-Pitts our area representative.
- V. John has met with Jacob Levenson in regards to optional recycling initiatives. Perhaps we could compost food waste, get educational help from the city or host a plastic bag drop off day. The city is not ready to do more at this time.
- VI. The 2021 priorities for the committee were addressed by Bert. He suggested our efforts should parallel the Drawdown issues of : a plant rich diet, reduce food waste and rezone local zoning on solar fields. Cliff suggested we create a draft for the next meeting which Bert and Rebecca agreed to work on.
- VII. The old Sustainable Portsmouth Facebook page should be taken over by this committee. Bert and Carrie will look into it and how to get more reach.
- VIII. The Committee is to think about sustainability in the post Covid era with the EPA changing the way we think.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Lariviere