

CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE
SOUTH PORTLAND ENERGY & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2014
So. Portland Community Center
Large Conference Room
Call to order - 6:00pm.

Committee

- Bob Foster - At Large (Beecher) Chair - **Present**
- Jessica Williams - At Large (Blake) Secretary - **Present**
- Rita Thompson - District 1 - **Present**
- Todd Erickson - District 2 - **Present**
- Stanley Cox - District 3 - **Absent**
- Heather Valley - District 4 - **Present**
- Michael Shutts - District 5 - **Present**
- Clyde Barr - Associate - At Large (Beecher) - **Present**
- David Domingos - Associate - At Large (Blake) - **Absent**
- Melinda Timpf - Associate - District 1 - **Present**
- Mike Howe - Associate - District 2 - **Present**
- Julie Silverman - Associate - District 3 - **Present**
- Eric Knutsen - Associate - District 4 - **Present**
- Alisia Ives - Associate - District 5 - **Present**
- Doug Howard - City Liaison - **Present**
- Vacant - School Department Liaison

Guest Speaker -Fred Dillion - City of South Portland Stormwater Coordinator

Fred Dillon spoke to the Committee about the varied work he does in his role as the City of South Portland Stormwater Coordinator. Some of the major areas of focus are:

- 1. Restoration and mitigation projects going on around the City related to Federal and State regulations which require a reduction of the negative impacts of urban stormwater pollution on the city's waterways.**
- 2. Education and outreach with the City's schools**
- 3. Overseeing development projects.**

He also discussed recent efforts to determine the source of contaminants in the water at Willard Beach, using dogs that are trained to sniff out the source and type of contamination that might be present.

Mr. Dillon also talked about the different types and sources of stormwater contamination. Some examples are pet waste, fertilizers from landscaping, runoff from impervious surfaces. There is a web-based Stormwater Manual available on the City website, <http://www.southportland.org/our-city/storm-water-manual/> which provides

information about stormwater and the systems in place in South Portland to handle it and treat it, as well as information for homeowners and developers to help reduce the volume and pollution of stormwater runoff.

Mr. Dillon would like to have a presence at Willard Fest at this Committee's table. He will provide educational materials.

Old Business:

- Acceptance of May's minutes - **Motion to accept May's minutes (Jessica Williams), Seconded (Todd Erickson). All in favor - unanimous.**

- Willard Fest participation - Update by Todd

- **Silver Bullet will be there for recycling collection at the Fest. There will also be 6 Green Trash totes and 6 Blue Recycling totes lent by the City for the 4 or 5 trash/recycling/composting stations.**

- **2 Committee members needed as shift managers to monitor the trash/recycling/composting stations. First shift from 2:30 - 4:30, second shift from 4:30 - 6:30, approximately. They will help ensure the stations are manned by volunteers and full barrels are being emptied.**

- **Jessica Williams and Bob Foster volunteered**

- **ERC table will be covered by various members of the committee.**

- **Garbage to Garden will be providing composting collection for the Fest**

- **Doug Howard/Public Works will donate a composter to be raffled at the Fest.**

- **Returnables will be collected in CLYNK bags and donated to the Dora L. Small School CLYNK account.**

- **For Committee members wrangling volunteers - compile a list of names and contact info and pass along to Bob Foster by June 28th.**

- Communications/Public Relations - Jessica - **No Discussion**

- Business Development (Events/outreach) - **Upcoming events around the City present opportunities for this Committee to help coordinate waste reduction.**

- School Department - Outreach/update - **No Discussion**

- 'City Minute' with Doug Howard - **Two electric vehicle charging stations are being installed at the Community Center. The stations will be free initially and are compatible only with Nissan electric vehicles.**

Membership Report and Updates:

- Introduction to new member(s) + volunteers - **Clyde Barr has filled the Associate At Large (Beecher) position. Welcome, Clyde!**

New Business: Bring fresh ideas

- Joint venture with Conservation Committee? - **No Discussion**

- Open Forum:

-Possible tours of Yarmouth composting facility, Goodwill facility in Gorham, Ecomaine, El Rayo restaurant to view their trash and composting system which was piloted by Zero Waste.

-How does the Committee go about advocating ideas or efforts related to energy and recycling and supporting steps taken in other communities.

-Review Powers and Duties of the Committee

Action Items

-Willard Fest volunteer names to Bob by June 28th

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn (Mike Howe), Seconded (Heather Valley). Meeting Adjourned 7:40pm

Next meeting: Wed., July 16, 2014 - Large Conference Room