

City of Somersworth
Sustainability Committee Meeting
January 21, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Scott Orzechowski, Doug Watson, Angela Ficco, Michael Bobinsky, Jennifer Soldati, Robert Belmore

ABSENT: Dave Sharples, Jennifer Nalley

Chairman Scott Orzechowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on December 17th made by Doug Watson, seconded by Jennifer Soldati. Motion passed unanimously.

In Dave Sharples's absence, Bob Belmore reported on the Right to Know law. He advised that the committee may not communicate via email other than for administrative purposes, e.g. coordinating the scheduling of a meeting. He also stated the committee may not post a working document online but may send out an article of interest to committee members without comment.

The committee discussed some of the brainstorming topics developed by Scott for the purpose of choosing issues to work on in the coming year.

- Mike suggested researching the results of lighting changes made a few years ago in the school district to determine the savings realized thus far. Discussed researching the City's electricity costs for the past two years since the changes in the school district.
- Committee discussed looking into fuel consumption in City facilities. Mike will look into how accessible this data will be for the committee.
- Committee identified two topics for future discussion, i.e. water conservation and solid waste removal.

Agenda item for next meeting: Committee discussed having a sustainable "Tip of the Week" for posting on the City's website. Doug Watson passed out a document from which we could choose four topics for the next month.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Doug Watson, seconded by Angela. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.