

# MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

## EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

May 17, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Scott Orzechowski, Chair, City Councilor Ed Levasseur, Sarah McGraw, Doug Watson, and Michael Bobinsky.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES. Minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting was considered. Doug Watson Moved and Mike Bobinsky Seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was approved.

### **1. Correspondence /Updates**

Sarah suggested the Committee advance a recommended social media policy to the City Manager for consideration to be used by all City assigned committees. After discussion, it was agreed to place this topic on the June meeting agenda for further consideration. Sarah will have some suggested draft policies for the Committee to consider further.

### **2. Unfinished Business**

#### **2018 Program Goals development**

Committee members continued discussion from the last meeting on program goals. One of the goals deals with an anti-idling policy. Doug Watson presented background information and suggested policy statements on this. Doug referenced a State of NH ordinance that regulates emissions from all motorized vehicles as basis for moving forward with local polices. We agreed to look into RSA 125 for further review as to application to the City.

#### **Review of 350 NH offshore wind initiative-task force assembly**

The Committee continued to review the initiative sponsored by 350 New Hampshire to encourage the Governor to establish a statewide task force to study offshore wind opportunities for the State that was discussed at the February Sustainability Committee meeting. Councilor Ed Levasseur indicated that he would have a discussion on the topic of creating a Resolution supporting the creation of the task force with Bob Belmore and then with the Mayor for further consideration by the Council. In addition, the Committee discussed having the speaker from 350 New Hampshire return to make a follow-up presentation to the City Council at some point in the future.

#### **2018 Project Planning**

The Committee started to review the program goals that were placed in a matrix spreadsheet that links project goals to areas like waste reduction, energy efficiency, return on investment, environment impacts from community behavior changes. This matrix and another evaluation model that Councilor Levasseur suggest using will be the subject of more focused discussion during an upcoming Committee workshop on goals. Other program areas committee members expressed interest in include:

- Monitor energy savings from converting Street Lights to LED technology
- Measuring Fuel Savings from new fuel-efficient City vehicles.
- Proposing an anti-idling policy for municipal vehicles
- Promotion of solar array opportunities on public property where applicable
- Promote the relocation of the Farmers Market
- Gray water/Storm water recovery opportunities
- Adjust traffic signals for more efficient traffic flow, less idling
- Plastic bag use reduction methods
- Promotion of Tree City USA program goals
- Develop enhanced methods of sharing information among City Committees
- Development of a social media policy

### **3. New Business**

Committee members agreed to hold a workshop on the 2018 work plan and program goals for Wednesday, May 30 at 6pm at City Hall Conference Room. Workshop will focus on evaluating the program matrix goals, evaluate priority rankings and conclude recommended Committee program goals.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilor Levasseur seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 7:15pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday May 30 at 6pm** at City Hall Conference Room.

Submitted and prepared by:

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