



Falmouth Green Ribbon Commission Minutes

Meeting Date: March 18, 2009.

Location: Town Hall.

Attendance: Robert Welch, Barb DiBiase, Claudia King, Phil Kaplan, Michael Morrison, Dee Conroy-Vella, Bill Hastings, David Gagnon, Ann Goggin, Glen Brand, Jed Wright, Craig Baranowski and Bruce Henning.

Meeting called to order: 5:30 pm.

- I. Minutes 3/4/09: Motion to accept the minutes by Robert, 2nd by Craig. Carried unanimously.
- II. Announcements:
 - a. Barb: Stimulus funds: The town council has retained consultant, Dana Fisher, to coordinate efforts on stimulus funds; please send ideas to Barbara by Monday.
 - b. Bruce Henning: Earth Hour, March 28, 8:30 pm "Earth Hour"; turn off lights in symbolic act.
 - c. Claudia King: Upcoming Sustainability Conferences
 - i. Reminder: "Toward a Sustainable Regional Economy" led by Michael Shuman on 3/27/09 7:45-12:30pm at Hannaford Lecture Hall, USM.
 - ii. Portland Museum of Art, March 21 climate scientist lecture.
 - d. Ann Goggin: John Brautigam, former FGRC member, has been appointed new Director of State Energy Program, which includes Efficiency Maine. She encouraged people to voice their support for state level clean energy to local state representatives.
 - e. Ann Goggin: As soon as we are ready we will present to Town Council, doesn't want to schedule time on the agenda until the report is ready for presentation.
- III. Discussion of Action Recommendations: Jed led the group in a discussion of the draft action recommendations. He reminded the group that they are to relate to Emissions Reduction; Energy/Cost savings; and Energy Security, and put up a poster which listed the tools we have: incentives, mandates, education, etc.



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Poster 1: Jed asked all members asked to initial wall poster where they thought we would be in 10 yrs time in relation to above criteria. Results will be reviewed and presented at next meeting.

Posters 2 – 4: Jed also put up three wall posters listing all actions on the vertical and all commission members on the horizontal asked us all to check actions we felt would best help us reach our goals. Each member put a check under their name and beside the items that they agreed should be included in the group's recommendations.

Following extensive discussion as to whether this meant we were recommending or mandating actions it was decided that all actions were recommendations only. Results to be reviewed and presented at next meeting.

Jed, Michael and Phil calculated the number of check marks and question marks (question marks were used if an individual needed further information on a proposed action). Actions that received less than 7 checks were identified as needing to be discussed by the group before moving forward.

The group also was asked to identify an A,B or C designation for each action.

A: Council should act immediately.

B: Ad Hoc Implementation Committee should finalize details and bring to Council for approval.

C: Responsibility of Standing Committee.

IV. Discussion on Recommended Actions: Jed led the group in a review of each item:

- a. LNG pipeline proposal: Bill Hastings gave overview of proposal. Ann moved that Commission recommend LNG action line action plan and request that Council establish a multi-town task force to further study this idea (A). 2nd by Glen. Approved 11-1.
- b. Land use and Transportation: Following discussion commission agreed it needed to be synthesized and re-structured.
- c. Tree City Action Plan: Unanimously agreed that it needs to be re-drafted.



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- d. No-idling ordinance: Motion to recommend by Claudia, 2nd by Ann (A).
Approved 9-2, 1 abstention.
- e. HEV Parking Action: Motion to Table by _____, 2nd by _____.
Unanimously agreed to table.
- f. Yard Maintenance: Motion by ____ to move forward, 2nd by _____.
Approved 10 -2.
- g. Smart Grid Action proposal: Discussion that group needs to understand
difference between Smart Grid proposal and Smart Meter proposal.
Michael agreed to provide additional verbiage on Smart Grid
recommendation. Unanimously agreed to table.
- h. Smart meter Action: Motion to recommend by _____, 2nd by
_____. (A) Unanimous to recommend this action.

Group will continue discussion of action recommendations at next meeting. Jed
and Ann will continue to work on the draft and organization of the report.

Next Meeting: March 25th. 2009, 5:30pm-7: 30pm
Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Conroy-Vella, Secretary with assist from Glen Brand