

REAC Minutes 8/12/14

Approve last meeting minutes

- 7/1 Meeting Minutes approved

Plastic Bag Discussion

- Identify what data may be useful
 - How many communities have banned plastic bags - 5 cities worldwide Mexico City, Dhaka, San Francisco, Oyster Bay, Los Angeles
 - What is the energy savings of paper v. plastic
 - Cost of plastic v. paper
 - What data has Portland gathered that can help us
 - Where will fee go to? Back into companies? Scholarship? To address ocean pollution? To mitigate damage from plastic bags
 - Can we enlist high school students to gather data about bag usage in Falmouth (stats class?)
- Outside input—ecomaine, businesses, consumers, other towns etc.
 - Get data from Portland, Freeport,
 - Data on consumers who shop in Falmouth (what percent is from Falmouth)
 - We may be able to get information by enlisting Critical Insights
- Questions to ask Surfriders
 - What type of data was useful in making this possible?
 - What tactics were necessary to make it happen?
 - Do vendors in Portland sell thick plastic bags?
 - Contact information of activists
- Clifford and Susan Gilpin are considering having a showing of Bag It at their home/

Mason-Motz Community Center Update

- A lot of conversation about heating system. We will go with propane transitioning to natural gas. Council has authorized money to bring building up to code. Cost will likely exceed 900,000.

Energy Inventory

- Kimberly shared the Municipal Energy Inventory
- It was recommended that waste oil be stricken from Key Findings
- Barb was asking if an energy audit had been done on Town Hall.
- Future movies may focus on energy.

2015 Home Energy Fair Date

- Kimberly will add an advertisement on town website to solicit names of vendors.