

REAC December 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

1. **Establish Quorum:** Majority of members are in attendance – Lynn Breckinridge and Alan Solander are not present.
2. **Review of Draft Minutes of November 5, 2020 Meeting:** Minutes approved unanimously.
3. **Public Comment**
Public comment was open and closed.
4. **Solar Update**
Expecting to receive response from MEDEP this week.
Tangent moving forward with finalizing site plan based on Sevee & Maher response to MEDEP.
5. **Product Stewardship Bill**
NRCM sent updated resolution – Falmouth already adopted and does not need to adopt again. REAC members can support bill by writing to legislators, sharing with family and friends, and providing testimony when the time comes.
6. **Library EV Charging Station**
 - Two parking spots were designated for EV charging as part of the master plan.
 - Need to look into whether electric is already in place.
 - Grant opportunity requires four chargers (4 parking spots)
 - Can we place two chargers at the library and two somewhere else?
 - Ashley developing proposal to share with Nathan to determine next steps.Other EV charging opportunities –
 - Look into where there are currently chargers in Falmouth
 - Is there a way that REAC can help educate community members on the process to install chargers at their homes?
7. **Public Bicycle Workstations**
 - Install 1-2 bicycle workstations at key locations to support biking community
 - Potential Locations
 - Blackstrap Rd/Hurricane Rd - target mountain biking trails
 - Hurricane Rd
 - Library
 - School complex
 - Somewhere along Rt 88 - parking lot across from Town Landing Market or Fire Station
 - Could we build one ourselves?

- Caleb to reach out to Greater Portland NEMBA and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to see if they could offer any assistance

8. Sustainable Business Certification

- Reviewed drafted guidelines
- Need to add examples
- Make it clear that we're not requiring these things, just suggestions
- Businesses don't need to achieve items in all categories - just doing something that makes a difference
- Subject to REAC review
- Do we need concrete goals? Point ranking?
- Businesses must show substantial progress toward lowering carbon footprint
- Add transportation category
- Dave to send Ashley Cincinnati suggestions to review

9. REAC Newsletter

- Ashley to draft for January start
- If any members have content ideas please send them to Ashley
- Social media for Sustainability – Ashley to connect with Erin
- Use newsletter platform so that people don't need to open PDF
- Also add content to website for people to reference

10. Home Energy Fair

- Promote Portland fair (if it's happening)
- Hold for a year

11. Other Business

- Out of state solid waste
 - Ecomaine is monitoring and concerned
- Fiberglass boat recycling
 - Dick to connect with URI
- Boat shrinkwrap recycling
 - There was a level of interest, cost was a barrier
 - Check Kimberly's files and add to REAC work plan
- Eco Excellence award nominations
 - Promote within town communications

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm. Next meeting on January 7, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.