

REAC Minutes January 8th, 2015

Group approved the minutes from December.

Ratify plastic bag recommendation—discussed the option of having a “Phase-in” regulation on plastic bags, rather than banning them outright right away. Year one would place a small fee on both paper and plastic bag, within that first year REAC would develop an action plan. Group members vote unanimously on the recommendation with the phase-in approach for regulating the use of plastic shopping bags. John and Kimberly delivered the PowerPoint presentation regarding plastic bag regulation.

Energy Fair—Kimberly gave a summary of what has been accomplished thus far for Energy Fair coordination. Group discussed work left to do—flyers, road signs, setting up for the event, table cloths. Etc. Going to meet the day before the event to discuss final coordination and scheduling details. REACers are going to gather donations over the next 2 weeks for door prizes.

Energy Plan—talked about neighboring communities who have energy plans (Yarmouth and Windham), Kimberly could work with Ben Lake at GPCOG who has experience with helping communities write these plans. Group discussed contents of plan, including pay-back rates of efficiency improvements.