

REAC Meeting October 8th, 2015

Present: Andy, Caleb, John, Pete D., Kim, Chris

We approved the minutes from September unanimously

Updates:

Paint and Compost: The transfer station is now accepting latex and alkyd points for anyone with a \$5 town of Falmouth sticker. This is great because it keeps paint out of the waste stream. Transfer station is also taking organic waste that will be composted by We Compost It.

Solar: PUC released the Value of Solar which came out strongly in favor of solar. Falmouth, Rockland and South Portland are all working together to improve the chances of municipal solar in Maine.

Energy Plan: Kim has run the numbers to compare Falmouth's 2007 energy consumption numbers with our 2014 numbers. We are looking really good. The committee is interested in expanding our energy plan to include other sustainability issues and eventually create a sustainability plan.

Reusable Bag Outreach: Does REAC want to table at the polls next month? No. Turnout is expected to be low. Next meeting we are going to brainstorm outreach ideas. Kim has seen a movie called Plastic China that is good. REAC members will be thinking about cool outreach events.

Reusable Bag Policy:

Caleb gave a synopsis of how the public forum at the Town Council went. It went well. We had over 80% support judging by the speakers in favor of and against. The Town Council tasked the ordinance committee to create a bag ordinance. The ordinance committee met on Tuesday. They have expressed interest in moving forward with an ordinance that is closer to the Portland and South Portland reusable bag ordinances. The ordinance committee will work with Kim to and they plan to get an ordinance to the Council by the end of November.