REAC Minutes, <u>November 10th, 2016</u> Town Hall, Large Conference Room 7:00-8:30pm

In Attendence: Kimberly Darling, Andy Jones, Pete LaFond, Chris Malley, Cathy Nichols

Updates:

• Solar

The PUC is working to end net-metering. What a shame. We will see what happens in the next legislative session.

• Curbside Compost Collection

There was a meeting on October 31st with Public Works Director, Town Manager and Finance Director. Falmouth is continuing to move forward with curbside compost pickup.

• Ecomaine

Falmouth schools received a grant for water bottle filling stations.

• Shopping bag ordinance feedback

Kimberley received a tally of plastic bag usage from a few Falmouth's large retailers. We are excited to get more data and see if the ordinance is decreasing bag use.

• WindowDressers

Kimberley explained the concept behind WindowDressers. They cooperatively build window inserts that people can use in their homes to increase the insulation value. REAC decided we want to partner with WindowDressers in Falmouth to get the word out and host a build session for the inserts.

• 2017 Home Energy Fair—January 28th

REAC is hoping to come up with some fun thing to add some pizzazz to the Energy Fair this year.

• 2017 Business Energy Fair—April

Kimberley updated REAC members on the plan to hold a business energy fair.

• Update from Conservation Commission on pesticides

REAC Chair Andy Jones attending the last Conservation Commission meeting. The CC has been tasked with researching a pesticide restriction ordinance for Falmouth. It was a preliminary meeting. REAC is glad that we weren't given this particular task by the council, but we would like to offer our support. ⁽²⁾