

January 19th, 2017 Minutes

REAC Agenda, January 19th, 2017 Town Hall, Large Conference Room 7:00-8:30pm

Updates:

- Solar efforts
- Waste collection RFP
- WindowDressers meeting with General Assistance and Food Pantry

Agenda Items:

- Energy and Sustainability Plan
 - Collecting 2016 data to analyze soon
 - Assigning items to committee members to research etc.
- 4th Annual Home Energy Fair—Saturday, January 28th
 - Food and drink
 - Children's activities
 - Assign shifts
 - Help with road signs

In attendance: Andy, Claudia, Cathy, Dick, Chris, Kimberly

Dick lives in W Falmouth off Blackstrap. Home energy efficiency, solar garage panels and solar hot water system. Dick's wife is a landscaper

Solar: 12 Bills in legislative session.

Falmouth's 1 MW system could generate ~1.125 million KW/year.

Boothbay pilot very successful. Falmouth might be in a grid constraint area

We don't want to fall under the net energy billing because there is a size limit

Bar Harbor has a municipal system and Dick will find out how big it is. Their solar off-sets town energy consumption for parts of the year.

Town Hall building has perfect slope and direction for roof top panel. Revision Energy will give proposals.

Winn Rd facility – might purchase a small system with a 7 yr return, and it's a smaller system.

Landfill solar may have an RFP looking at chapter 315

Rockland, like Falmouth, is waiting for good policy to be created.

Kimberly is working with Larry Pritchard in Rockland

Waste Collection

Kennebunk and Brunswick have partnered with Garbage to Garden.

Can do bins w/o the automated arms on the trucks but the efficiency drops significantly

Problem with organic waste pick up is only a huge container 32 gal can be automatically picked up.

Portland pays lots for organic pick up

KD met with town's finance and public works directors about__

will brief the Council 2/27, RGP due 3/1, implement not until July 1, 2018, when Pinetree contract ends.

Will do a survey to residents to see if they value this service. Hope to get some good bids. Automatic collection is cleaner...

Coming out with 3-bay trucks in Canada

Others do 2-bay trucks: organics weekly, alternate trash and recyclables weekly

SoPo and Scarborough are doing pilot programs so we will wait and see

Chris has a "Green Cone" for holding and making compost. Falmouth used to give those out at reduced prices.

Window Dressers

KD needs help implementing this program

Would like Falmouth to help fund first insert installation of free inserts for needy residents. Want to propose it to the Council. WDs covers 20% of total cost of build. Plan to do this in September. This needs to go in Energy Plan.

CK: There is a human services fund maintained by Falmouth (~\$14,000)

May only need a couple thousand \$ to make a huge impact. Build takes 1 week, need core volunteers to assemble materials. KH needs to reserve a room, preferably in the Community building. Need to establish client list asap and measure their windows. In the summer, WD makes them.

General assistance program will provide qualifying residents. Need to be cautious about confidentiality and egress for volunteers to go in homes. Lots of volunteers available.

Home Energy Fair Sat 10-3

Lots of kid activities

2 geothermal companies

volunteer schedule:

Friday Set up

Saturday

9-11 Cathy

11-1 Andy

1-3 or 4 Pete

Need signs put up this weekend. Pete L and CN can help KD

Publicity: REAC Newsletter, Falmouth Town Calendar, Community TV channel, Forecaster

KD will contact library, community, PL suggested town emails

Future REAC meetings on Thursdays

Next Meeting **Feb 9th ***!!!!**