

MINUTES - REAC- December 11th, 2017
Town Hall, First Floor Library - 5:30-7:00pm

Items & Updates:

- Past meeting minutes were approved (September and October)
- WindowDressers: Feedback from customers is fantastic. REAC discussed doing the project again next fall. Hope to reach out to more low-income Falmouth residents who were sent 2 separate mailings and only 4 responded. ~200 window units were built this fall for ~20 customers, 11 of which were in Falmouth.
- LED Interior lighting status: Emergency lights are very costly. Kimberly has a meeting to discuss further transitions to energy efficient lighting. Energy Efficient (EE) lights are now being phased in only to replace older lights that have burned out. Complications with leasing costs and ownership involving CMP were discussed for streetlights. Community Center does not have a generator for back up power; that building would be a good location for emergency relocation for residents. Making this a top priority should be discussed.
- Rapport—Emissions calculations and dashboard. Hand out had all relevant info for the minutes. The committee informally voted that the baseline for measuring Falmouth's greenhouse gas emissions should be changed from 2007 to 2012. These are some of the supporting reasons:
 1. The existing square footage of space used to calculate emissions and other data is the same as 2012, but the 2007 square footage for Falmouth is significantly (SHOULD GET THE #) smaller. This disparity skews the results and the data loses much of it's accuracy and relevancy.
 2. Since 2007, the elementary school, Mott's Community Center, and a few other locations were built. This additional square footage creates a whole different economy of scale.
 3. The RAPPORT consultant suggested the baseline be changed to 2012; REAC believes Falmouth's investment in his services should oblige us to take his advice into serious consideration.
- Review/working session with Energy and Sustainability Plan
 1. Tree City effort is under the jurisdiction of Falmouth's Conservation Committee
 2. Wind Ordinance: Currently nothing disallows the building of a wind power facility, provided the installation meets existing building height and other permit requirements. KD will find existing ordinance for other towns and determine the need for an ordinance for Falmouth, or a modification of an existing one to include wind powered devices.
 3. School's "No idling" signs should be relocated closer to end of que where cars line up.
 4. New store in Shaw's shopping mall is over the sq footage and must implement the Single Use Shopping Bag Ordinance. KD and CN to meet and discuss plan to reach out to this business. (THIS IS A COMPLIANCE ISSUE AND SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP ON ASAP -CN)
 5. Investigating compostable plates and utensils for Falmouth Events – not all events, especially smaller ones, can reasonably support this effort.
 6. Gary Glick is school contact. There is an Environmental Action Club. CN suggested reaching out and asking to be a guest at one of their upcoming meetings.
 7. Lots more listed on Kimberly's 5 pg handout.