

**REAC Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2018**  
**5:30 - 7 PM**

Items and Updates

January meeting minutes were approved.

Peter Lafond was elected as chairperson. Chris Malley was elected co-chair.

LED Lighting and Streetlight Projects: Competitive Analysis will review the proposals next week. On February 26 there will be a streetlight presentation to the council. We are still renting our lights but are experimenting with the type as to whether we prefer "warm or bright" as expressed in degrees Kelvin. We are working with The Efficiency Network (TEN).

4. Home Energy Fair: Kimberly reported that the Home Energy Fair was a great success. The vendors were pleased with the attendance of over 200 people. Yarmouth will be better incorporated into the fair next year.

5. Shopping Bag Ordinance: The ordinance will have its second anniversary on April 1, 2018. Kimberly reported on her meeting at NRCM earlier today. NRCM agreed that the better policy is the size of the store vs. size of sales when making an ordinance. She noted that Waterville will be using our ordinance as a template for a complete ban on plastic bags. Falmouth will not have any new data from our work until April 1, 2018. During the discussion that ensued there is some anecdotal positive data about our work. Kimberly reported that our ordinance asks vendors to keep data for only three years. It was discussed that we should request data for another 5 to 10 years. This would mean amending the ordinance. The committee asked if there was data about the number of towns that have banned bags and whether there was a state initiative about banning plastic bags.

6. Review/working session with Energy and Sustainability Plan: Our work has been submitted to the town HR person for review and editing. Hopefully it will be presented in April.

7. March 14th was selected for our next meeting.

8 Discussions of Note and Announcements:

A. Drive Electric Week will be in September. Steve Woods of Tidesmart has volunteered his parking area for the tri-towns (Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth) to use for this event. We want to invite Electric and Hybrid owners to this event to share with the public.

B. Working with the schools has not been easy. Gary Glick has an Environmental Club at the high school that goes into each classroom to clean out the recyclable containers after school each day. There is a letter to the superintendent being prepared to foster a partnership with us and the schools.

C. Bio-diesel has not been feasible for the school buses because of mechanical issues in the past. However South Portland is using bio-diesel. Kimberly will find out how they are doing it.

D. Movie night: The Union of Concerned Scientists will be showing the movie "Tidewater" on Thursday, March 22. Where?

E. There is some concern that landlords who do not contract with the same carrier as the town, may not be recycling. The fear was that many businesses are also doing the same thing.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.