

REAC Minutes

September 5, 2019

Attendance: Donna Lee Cheney, Lynn Breckinridge, Pete LaFond, Dave Low, Rich Bicknell, Councilor Cahan

Absent: Dick Klain, Alan Solander

1. **Establish Quorum**—there is a quorum
2. **Review of Draft Minutes from August 8, 2019 Meeting** Pete made motion, Rich second
3. **Review of Meeting Materials**
4. **Public Comment** opened and closed public comment
5. **Update on solar RFP** Kimberly will be getting and update from the Town Manager regarding next steps on when the pre-RFP will be presented to the Town Council within the next month or two. Pete and Kimberly are going to research the SolSmart designation more and bring back what they find at the October REAC meeting. Kimberly will also check with the Codes Department to see how much of the requirements we may already be meeting for the designation.
6. **Discussion regarding Business Sustainability**
 - Kimberly will send the spreadsheet to the committee as well as a summary document. The group discussed next steps, including:
 - Kimberly provided a list of businesses that likely offer or sell plastic straws. The questionnaire may be as simple as asking management, “how difficult would it be, and how much lead time would be necessary, for your business to transition to a non-plastic/biodegradable straw?” Kimberly is going to put together a script of sort.
7. **Final report on Summer Recycling Interns and Discussions of Publicity Falmouth has had**
 - Kimberly informed the committee that the Portland Press Herald and the Forecaster have written articles on this regional effort. Maine Public Radio also reached out and she gave an interview.
 - Kimberly presented the presentation to the committee that the interns gave to the Town Council at their August 12, 2019 meeting
 - Kimberly also provided an update on the highest average contamination reports being 12%, and the most recent and lowest average contamination report being only 7%.
8. **Vote to eliminating public access to School’s Silver Bullet**

Rich motioned to restricted access to the school’s silver bullet to school use ONLY, Dave seconded, unanimous vote.
9. **Adjourned at:** 6:30pm