

REAC January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- **Establish Quorum:** All members present.
- **Review of Draft Minutes of December 3, 2020 Meeting:** Minutes approved unanimously. Audrey and Lynn abstained (not present at the December meeting).
- **Public Comment**
Public comment was open and closed.
- **REAC Mission + Duties**
 - REAC is a committee dedicated to saving the Town money on energy.
 - Promote sustainability and carbon neutrality
 - Waste reduction
 - Consider changing name to Sustainability Committee
 - Duties should include servicing both residents and businessesDevelop subcommittee to draft mission statement – Ashley to coordinate meeting
 - Dick
 - Audrey
 - Dave
 - Ashley
- **Solar Update**
 - MEDEP approved plan to address settlement and other concerns
 - Planning board and MEDEP site design approval next step
 - On track to begin construction in March and open in June
- **Sustainable Business Recognition**
 - First sentence – fix REAC name
 - How will this benefit my business? - Can they get recognition at Town Council meeting?
 - Do not require a certain number of actions to start, but perhaps require more actions in the future
 - Reach out to Stafford Advisors to let them know about program – Ashley
 - Bring program to Council for approval
 - Have Council issue the recognition
 - Should we complete the appendix prior to bringing to Council?
- **Bicycle Public Workstations**
 - Caleb – talked to people in cycling community who think it's a good idea
 - To purchase an already built workstation is \$2-3k
 - Caleb to follow-up with Bicycle Coalition of Maine

- **REAC Newsletter**
 - Discussed new format:
 - Rename –
Town of Falmouth Sustainability Newsletter
A publication of the Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee
 - Determine theme for each newsletter
 - Send quarterly, plus special editions – business-focused, solar array opening
 - Keep content to 2 pages max
 - Link to content on Town website
 - Guest column – REAC members?
 - Send within email platform – not attached to email
 - Reviewed content –
 - Add wood pellet stoves to home heat options
- **Boat recycling** – no update
- **Shinkwrap recycling** – no update
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Other Business

- Thin film plastic recycling program possibility? Dave to do some research.
- How to promote Maine Climate Report – focus on EVs
- Library EV chargers – received two free chargers from Revision Energy for library & Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57pm. Next meeting on February 4, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.