

REAC Minutes July 9th 2015

In Attendance: John, Caleb, Pete L., Pete D, Andy, Cathy, Kimberly, Chris, Barb

April and June Minutes were approved unanimously.

Cathy volunteered to take notes at the next meeting.

Updates:

Caleb reported on the bike and pedestrian meeting with Theo that recently happened. The committee discussed the barriers to increased biking and walking in. Fear of collisions was identified a major barrier to increased biking.

Cathy and Kimberly got a NRCM seed grant worth \$500 that will be spent on reusable bags.

Paul Relis is going to speak at the Falmouth Memorial Library on July 23rd at 6pm. We have noticed that our audience is usually low. We talked about using social media to promote the event and to bring friends.

We debriefed the litter cleanup. Next time we need to have safety vests, close-toed shoes and a pickup truck.

Plastic Bags:

Cathy presented the different options for buying reusable bags. There is a company in NH that sells bags at roughly \$5 each. The white bag with the turtle had the support of the committee.

We divided a list of small businesses in Falmouth that we want to interview about the potential for a new plastic bag ban.

Energy Plan:

The committee discussed the best way to hit our goal of 2% reduction of CO2 equivalents every year. Kimberly created an Energy Plan Outline with 5 categories, Municipal, Schools, Business, Residents, and Regional. Committee members identified additional ways to hit the goal including solar power at the landfill and replacing streetlights in town with LED bulbs.