

August Minutes

Present: Pete LaFond, Chris Malley, Barb DiBiase, John Haley, Kimberly Darling

Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

July's Minutes were approved.

Updates

Greenfest - GreenFest will be held Saturday, September 12th. Barb asked if we would have or have access to a table at the festival.

Home Energy Fair Date 1/23/16 - It was suggested that in the future that we have larger signs to make them easier in reading. We could also reach out to senior groups that might have interest in weatherizing. Panel discussion about heat pumps might be a good addition

Solar Landfill Update - There are limits on the amount of electricity a solar plant can produce (660 kWh). Falmouth is planning to ally with a local organization to take advantage of tax credits before the end of 2016. The funder has yet to be identified. The question was presented, would this organization be allowed to take advantage of Efficiency Maine credits in addition to federal tax credits.

Bag Update - We had initially suggested a fee on paper bags as well, but Kimberly has proposed that we make the paper bag fee optional. Kimberly and Kathy presented to the ordinance committee yesterday. REAC will present on August 24th. There may be a public hearing on this date, but more likely it will occur later. We will continue gathering feedback from priority one businesses before the 24th. Kathy suggested that we could mobilize a positive business presence to attend the meeting on the 24th. We discussed exemptions for leaky materials and effects on recycling thin film in stores.

Denmark Trip - Erica Mazzeo, a curriculum developer for Falmouth Schools was selected to tour Denmark to learn about sustainability issues and public support.