

REAC -

2/5/2015

John, Barb, Kimberly, Chris, Andy, Pete L., Cathy (Falmouth resident Markus Wiles also in attendance)

Minutes from 1/8/2015 were approved unanimously

**Announcements:**

GPCOG is letting the Town of Falmouth drive an Electric Vehicle for a week.

GreenDrinks is in Falmouth this month at Tidesmart on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

There is a UMaine art exhibit on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

REAC will tour a wastewater facility on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April.

**New Business:**

Falmouth resident Markus Wiles (markus6620@yahoo.com ) spoke about the potential for a solar farm in Falmouth. Apparently the state laws are not conducive to solar farms right now. The committee is excited about this opportunity in the future. [Markus6620@yahoo.com](mailto:Markus6620@yahoo.com)

**Committee Roles:**

Chair & Vice Chair: John proposed the idea to have a yearly rotating Chair. There will be a new role of the Vice chair who will learn from the current Chair. Once a year the Chair will retire and return to being a normal committee member, the Vice Chair will become the Chair, and a new Vice Chair will step up.

Andy is the minute-taker for the time being.

Barb will take the newsletter review role for the time being.

Chris and John will help with the Energy Plan review for the time being.

**2015 Energy Fair Thank You Cards:**

Pete L. and Kimberly will deliver the Thank You cards to the different businesses who contributed to the Energy Fair.

**Recommendations for next year's Energy Fair:**

Have vendors advertise on their websites for the Energy Fair. Get Energy Fair up on moveable type signs around town. Get Energy Fair in school bulletins.

Have someone responsible for helping presenters start on time.

**Update on reusable bag ordinance:**

Cathy and Kimberly went to visit with the Ordinance Committee. It seems like the Ordinance Committee is waiting to see what happens in Portland and are not enthused about quickly moving forward on a reusable bag ordinance. Next step to get the Town Council and the Ordinance Committee is to come up with a plan to educate people on the need for a reusable bag ordinance.

**Annual Report:**

Kimberly will write and circulate for edits.

**Energy Plan:**

Chris suggested that each building gets its own energy use analysis and give recommendations for energy-saving upgrades.

Pete L. wants there to be an index and an executive summary of conclusions.

Kimberly says the most important things to accomplish energy saving goals is to do walkthrough audits at every municipal building. From there make easy changes (low hanging fruit) and "best bang for your buck" changes.

John wants to make it easier for people to transition to renewable energy by updating our ordinances.

The Committee came to the consensus that a 2% reduction in CO2 by Falmouth every year should be totally doable.

Kimberly is most likely going to ask for an extension.

Andy suggested writing an update on the original plan and coming up with a new separate plan for going forward and hitting the 2% annual reduction goal.