

Reac 3/5/2015

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Minutes from 3/5/2015 were approved

Announcements:

GPCOG is going to fund the installation of an EV charging station. The committee is excited about the idea of this charging station but needs to get some questions answered. How long does it take to charge a car? Will the town foot the two or three dollars in electricity costs to anyone who plugs in to “fill up their tank?” How long does it take to charge a car?

Solarize Freeport looks exciting and we might be interested in *Solarize Falmouth* in the future. The landfill might be a good site for solar.

On the topic of Plastic Bags, the Ordinance Committee wants more research and requested an education campaign. Pete L. recommended that we watch a documentary about plastics on NetFlix and he will follow up with us.

Green Ribbon Update:

The Green Ribbon report is a thoroughly impressive document that came out of a lot of work and expertise. There are a **lot** of recommendations in the Green Ribbon report. REAC is evaluating the recommendations to see which ones will end up on our work plan for 2015. The emphasis will be on achievable recommendations with the highest positive environmental impact.

Barb and Kimberley will create the update and report to the Council.

Energy Plan

It will have 4 sections: Intro, Energy Inventory, Goals (2% Reduction in CO2 equivalents),

Discussion of REAC Goals for 2015

1. Increase reuse and recycling and decrease trash. Continue to advocate for the reusable packaging and advocate for the reusable bag ordinance recommendation.
2. Reduce CO2 emissions by advocate for transition away from carbon intensive transportation towards renewable transportation including electric vehicles, walking and biking. Advocate for increased roof-top solar, municipal and community solar and heat pumps.