

**MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
**EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**February 22, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

Committee Members Present: Scott Orzechowski, Chair, Doug Watson, Sarah McGraw, Michael Bobinsky (Public Works), and Ed Levasseur (City Council Representative).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES. Minutes of the January, 18, 2018 meeting was considered. Sarah motioned to approve the minutes of January 18, 2018, second by Doug. Motion was approved.

**1. Correspondence /Update**

Ed introduced a guest from the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, Doug Bogen. Mr. Bogen discussed the efforts to gather support for offshore wind along the NH/Maine coastline. Mr. Bogan explained the benefits for offshore wind and energy potential for NH. In order for offshore wind to take place, a federal task force is required. Mr. Bogan is asking NH towns to write a letter of support to the NH Governor asking to support a federal task force. Scott asked if communities will have chance for input after the taskforce is formed. Mr. Bogan said that towns as relevant stakeholders will probably have a seat at the table. There is also information and fact sheets on the SAPL website. Ed explained that City Council would need to pass a resolution and Ed had a draft resolution on hand.

Ed motioned to table the discussion until the following meeting, second by Doug. Motion was approved.

**2. Unfinished Business**

**Update regarding City Hall's heating system.** There have been discussions with Andy Lucier, facilities director on energy efficiency including the heating system. Mike noted that there will be further discussion as the city budget season comes under way. The price of the new system could be anywhere between \$10-20,000 and would involve a bid from several contractors. Sarah noted that the EPA has facility efficiency upgrade checklists and calculation tools. Mike said that Andy uses asset management software for the schools. Scott said the payback for a heating system upgrade would take a few years and would save the city money over a short period of time given a proper maintenance schedule. City Council is coming up on goal setting sessions on March 24 and a budget workshop on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Sarah said she would be interested in attending and inquiring about the City's heating system. Mike said he would look into getting a better handle on cost and will continue talks with Andy. Scott said that further discussion on cost of a new City heating system would go on the next meeting's agenda.

Mike shared with the group an article on the use of chemical herbicides for turf management in Dover. Sarah noted that Exeter started an educational campaign on the use of chemical fertilizers as well.

**2018 Project Planning.** Scott presented the Sustainability Committee's planning matrix which will help set short and long-range goals for the committee. Doug came up with a formula for ranking goals based on the social, environmental, and economic pillars of sustainability. The group would bring ideas to add to the goal listing and rank them according to Doug's guide. The next meeting would be dedicated to discussion and filling in the planning matrix.

### **3. New Business**

No new business.

Ed motioned to adjourn, second by Doug. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Next meeting is scheduled for **March 15, at 6pm** at City Hall Conference Room. The focus of that meeting will be to further the list of projects and focus areas for the Committee to work on over the year ahead.