

**City of Newport
Energy and Environment Commission**

Mission: Advise the Council and Educate the Public on energy-efficiency
and renewable energy measures and the environment, to foster a more sustainable community

Agenda for Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2013 @ 6:00pm

Channing Memorial Church Parish Hall, 135 Pelham St., Newport

Call to order and appointment of meeting recorder

Approval of minutes of August meeting

Report on Council Meetings (Doug Sabetti)

General Business

Verify calendar for 2013 – dates for Nov.& Dec. meetings

Pell School sustainable initiatives – Reschedule public meeting--?Jan.

Fall Recycling Day, Sept.28, volunteers needed

Harvest Fair, October 5 & 6, plans? Co-sponsor? (Find Your Four?)

Plan Sustainable Events Protocol public meeting- (Library Program Rm. reserved-10/24)

Daffodillion: endorsement?

November meeting – ? Lynn Benander of Co-op Power

Event recycling ordinance – plans, considerations

Parking landscape ordinance – update & meeting with Scott Wheeler & Open Space Comm.

After 9/22

Pell School Green Team

Future members for commission

Review & update Aug. action items (see other side)

Action items from this meeting

**7:00 PM GUESTS: Matt Ray, SmartPower & RI Energy Challenge, Nick Corsetti, Nat. Grid
RI Energy Challenge – Newport's role**

Calendar:

Fall Recycling Day, Sept.28, 9-1 or 8-12

Harvest Fair, October 5 & 6

Daffodillion, free bulb giveaway, Oct. 19, 9-2, Easton's, Planting, Oct. 25, 8 AM

Sustainable Events Protocol public meeting- Oct. 24

Northeast Region Sustainable Schools Summit – 11/1-3 Salve Regina U.

RIDE reception for Summit – 11/1

Next meeting: September 26 @ 6:00, Newport Library

Adjourn

August Action Items

1. Meet with Jane to let her know our new Priorities and mission and attempt to understand how to work together better.
2. If Kara does not request reappointment, we need to recruit a new commission member.
3. Lauren & Kristie will review the protocol language to perhaps create another protocol for events that don't include the decisions about the venue as the current protocol only applies to less than half the events currently produced in Newport.
4. Dawn will work with Kristin regarding "Move-In/ Move-Out" waste reduction facts flyer
5. Kristie/ Beth to work with Jo Eva's contact on an annual meeting at Pell to highlight successes of green goals for the school construction stated in 2009. This would be a report to the referendum voters and perhaps invite the same speakers to book end the meeting in 2009.
6. Dawn to contact Scott Wheeler to set up the first meeting to discuss the parking landscape ordinance after Labor Day.
7. Kristie to draft parking landscape best practices vision statement for input from commissioners as prep for meeting with Tree and Open Space Commission.
8. Thais to contact Donna Kelly to see how we can work together with Pell "Green Team" and "Energy Team." Goal could be to work on curriculum connections to green components of the school. Maybe create a scavenger hunt where parents and students go from place to place in the school to hunt for sustainable components and interact with an interpreter or sign posted that explains the strategies.
9. Toni to connect with developers of the RI Sustainable School Summit program about tour of Pell during summit at Salve Nov 1-3.
10. Kristie to ask URI if they want to sponsor a table at the Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair to do some outreach for their Climate Change initiative.