

Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee  
Minutes of meeting 1/6/16  
Judge Welsh Room

Meeting called to order at 10:00am. Members present -- Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Elise Cozzi, Jen Rumpza, Anna Meade (member and CVEC rep).

- 1) Plastic Bags -- Lydia presented the revised language regarding the by-law on the cover letter for all businesses renewing their annual licenses. There are still a few businesses in town who are distributing bags which are technically unlawful. There is confusion about bags which claim to be "biodegradable" or "compostable". Lydia has developed a quick flyer to hand out to businesses where she finds such bags.

Currently there is not an applied enforcement in town for businesses in non-compliance. We'd like the licensing inspections to include a check on type of bags distributed. Lydia plans to meet with Morgan next week to discuss this.

Rather than try to implement a stricter bag by-law in town by increasing the bag thickness, we would like to work with other towns on Cape over the long-term to make a bag by-law for the entire Cape. Could work with the Cape Cod Chamber and County Extension Office.

- 2) Minutes – The minutes from 12/16/15 meeting we not available and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 3) Water Stations -- Discussed finding funds to install bottle filling stations. Might be possible to bring it to town meeting. Lydia will ask David Gardner to see what the timing would be and whether we should prepare something for this Spring or next Fall. We will seek support from a number of other committees (Conservation, Bicycle, Beautification, Harbor, Health, Open Space, BOS, etc.). Jen made a motion that we each compile our own argument as to why the project is important and then craft the warrant report from them. Laura seconded and all were in favor.
- 4) Carla Anderson Beautification Party -- Jen has been talking w/ PAAM about holding the event on or near Earth Day in April, but that will conflict with another event so now we are shooting for a date in May where we can launch the project and fete the artists. We will announce it at Year-Rounder's Fest.
- 5) New Business:
  - i) Anna announced that as a result of her new position with the town, this will be her last meeting as a committee member, but she will continue to attend as CVEC rep.
  - ii) P365/Local Comprehensive Planning Committee report – Anna attends both meetings and reported that the next P365 meeting will focus on the Harbor and Gateway Waterfront. The LCPC has met twice and is preparing a public forum to solicit input from stakeholders. The visioning forum will occur the week after Year-Rounder's fest.
  - iii) Solarize Mass – Anna reported that due to difficulty experienced by interested homeowners in getting bank loans, the state has just implemented a state-backed loan program. It is much more advantageous for the homeowner to purchase panels outright vs. leasing. Lydia suggested surveying homeowners who have installed panels through the program and then educating others.
  - iv) Annual Report – In the course of compiling the report, Lydia asked the Accounting office for numbers on the streetlight expenses: over the last two calendar years the town has saved over \$30,000.

Eric Larsen came just before the meeting was adjourned. He thought the meeting was on Tuesday, which is how it was incorrectly listed on the Town's Calendar. Lydia will talk to the IT department about listing meetings.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 18 @ 10am.

Laura moved to adjourn, Elise 2nded. The motion passed 5-0 and meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.