

Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee
Minutes of meeting 2/25/16

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

1) Water Stations – Elise reported that she talked w/ David Gardner to identify other committees which may have interest and funds to help fund bottle filling stations. She sent an email to Beautification and Disability committees and is awaiting response. She also spoke to the owners of ROUX whose inn is right across the street to see if they would sponsor the installation. They reported that they'd heard from the Town that there was one in the works already. They are interested in supporting them, and possibly working w/ other business neighbors (East End Market, Berta Walker Gallery) if the funds aren't there.

She also reached out to Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon, who provide service in Provincetown and have granting programs which may be relevant to funding community projects such as bottle filling stations.

Thinking about large town-wide functions (bike race, marathons, Carnival) we may look into providing mobile bottle filling stations in lieu of single-use water bottles.

The committee voted to set aside \$1500 of our budget for use toward the bottle filling station installation at the East End Playground. Laura moved to support that funding; Elise seconded and all were in favor.

The water bubbler on the first floor of Town Hall will be replaced with a handicap-accessible bubbler and bottle filling station; the removed bubbler will be used to replace the old one at the Fire Station.

Storm Drains – Anna is looking into marking the drains with signage to increase awareness of how it drains to the sea. Laura would like to ask the Recreation Dept to add wording to the parade permit which recommends not throwing plastic-wrapped candy. Anna asked Eric whether it would be possible to cover the storm drains during parades. Eric reported that there are hundreds of catch-basins, and that it would require far too much effort/labor/expense. Lydia suggested a press release or flyer targeting Commercial Street store owners to help clean up the pavement in front of their businesses before it reaches the storm drains. Laura made a motion to order drain labels and coincide their application with a press release at the beginning of the season. Lydia seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. Anna will request a sample storm drain label for consideration.

CABP - Eric reported that he has ordered new trash barrels which ought to arrive mid-March for distribution to artists. All will be labeled with the "Keep Provincetown Clean" decal before distribution.

Year-Rounder's – We will present info on solar programs; bottle filling stations; recycling; plastic bags. Cape Light Compact may join our table.

New Business:

- i) Updated Recycling Flyers – Lydia added language to the flyer regarding the town's prohibition of helium balloons and smoking on town beaches. Decided to also add language referencing the town's plastic bag by-law.
- ii) Recycling Facility Road-trip – Lydia will help organize a field visit of the town's recycling provider (which may be in New Bedford) prior to July.

Minutes – The minutes from 2/18/16 meeting will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 3 @ 10am.

Laura moved to adjourn, Elise 2nded. The motion passed 4-0 and meeting was adjourned at 11:31am.

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