

Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Minutes of meeting 5/3/16 Community Development Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 10:04am. Members present -- Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Jen Rumpza. Members excused: Elise Cozzi, Anna Meade. Staff: Eric Larsen

1) Minutes – Lydia moved to approve the minutes from 3/3/16 and 4/7/16 meetings; Jen seconded and all were in favor.

2) Water Stations – the bottle filling station for the east end playground will arrive this week and be installed as the final details come together. Rain has been a big deterrent for installing the surface. The station in the Town Hall basement has served 53 bottles so far. Regarding signage, DPW can make the signage using metal blanks, but it might be nicer to have painted wood signs. A simple sign is best: “Free Filtered Water Here” with the universal bottle filling sign. Laura can ask an artist (Andrea Sawyer) if she would be interested in producing two signs, one for the playground, one for the front of the Town Hall. We have VSB funds to pay her and for materials. Tony Lemme might be able to provide the wood blanks.

3) Carla Anderson Beautification Project – seven artists have done barrels which will be deployed soon.

4) New Business:

i) Distribution of recycling info in water bills – Lydia printed 3700 copies on 100% recycled paper and they will be sent out this week. Laura moved to have the paper cost come out of our budget; Jen seconded and all were in favor.

ii) Storm drain signage – Lydia received sample storm drain medallions for us to consider – plastic and metal. She took an inventory of drains between her store and Lopes Square there were several drains without curbs so it would be tricky to apply the medallion. Eric thinks the higher profile metal ones may catch on various equipment (snow removal, sweeping, etc). Drains to focus on would be Johnson to the west end parking lot; Lydia will walk the route and take full inventory. The plastic version may adhere better and more simply to a variety of substrate. Lydia will order a minimum of them and we’ll see how they work this summer.

iii) New format trash receptacles in front of Town Hall – Eric thinks the funds are still there but needs to find the right vendor and style.

iv) A new Town Resource Coordinator or Conservation Agent has been hired. We will invite her to an upcoming meeting.

v) Lydia a motion to get reimbursed for the drain markers (\$180) and Laura made a motion for committee members to get reimbursed for money they’ve put out for committee projects, which would include Jen for clear coating barrels (\$25) and artists for supply expenses (\$33). All approved.

vi) State bag bill – Lydia recommended we write a letter to Sarah Peake supporting the bill but highlighting the problems in the language as-is regarding “marine degradable plastic” and “bio-degradable” plastic references.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18 @ 10am.

Laura moved to adjourn, Lydia 2nded. The motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.