

Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee
Minutes of meeting 6/15/16
Caucus Hall, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 10:05am. Members present -- Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Jen Rumpza. Members excused: Elise Cozzi. Staff: Deb Albenberg

- 1) Minutes – Lydia moved to approve the minutes from 5/18/16 meeting with Laura’s edits; Jen seconded and all were in favor.
- 2) This committee is actively seeking new members, now that Anna Meade has stepped down. Laura will add a couple of lines to the press release she drafted on May 22 (which has not yet been released) to enlist new members.
- 3) Press Release – Morgan Clark suggested we list all items that are now recyclable at the transfer station and list what’s ok to put in the blue box. Laura will amend the release and get it issued this week.
- 4) Recycling Brochures – Lydia has made good use of unused display containers around town by inserting our recycling information where maps used to be distributed. She is working on a rack card for hotels and guest houses.
- 5) Balance in our Account – there is approximately \$1500 remaining in the RREC account. Lydia moved to put \$400 toward printing of the recycling brochures, \$500 toward gift certificates to the Artist Loft for artists who painted trash barrels, \$500 be put toward water bottle filling station signage, and \$100 toward a micrometer. Laura seconded and all were in favor. Jen will send out a note to all the participating artists and will purchase the gift certificates from Artist Loft.
- 6) Funds for townwide initiatives – Jen discovered that the deadline for a state DEP grant program is tonight at midnight. We did not know about the opportunity, and will look for the RFP next spring to help support the town’s application for the funds.
- 7) Compliance Officer – the Town has created a new position to attend to business and rental certification compliance. His name is Nicolai Velchev and he will be handing out letters regarding the bag by-law to non-compliant businesses like Shop Therapy.
- 8) Composting – Deb mentioned that B-Street Garden has capacity to receive more household kitchen waste, and wondered if it would be something that would fall under our purview. Deb will talk with David Moulton about expanding the reception of scraps.
- 9) CVEC – Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative needs a rep from Provincetown. Anna Meade resigned from her position there and David Gardner is seeking a replacement for her so that we do not lose our standing in the Cooperative. They meet once a month in Barnstable from 9:30 – 2pm or so. Amy Germain began this town’s involvement and brought the issues to Town Meeting or BOS originally. Laura asked whether a staff person from another organization (like the Center for Coastal Studies, e.g.) could be the rep. David said that would not be a problem, but ideally the individual would be from this committee, and would need to be officially appointed as CVEC rep. Failing that, the role would fall back on Deb. David will post the position in the paper and we will all look for potential resources.
- 10) Water Stations – the bottle filling station for the east end playground has been installed. The station in the Town Hall basement has served 178 bottles so far.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 22 @ 10am.

Laura moved to adjourn, Lydia 2nded. The motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 11:19am.