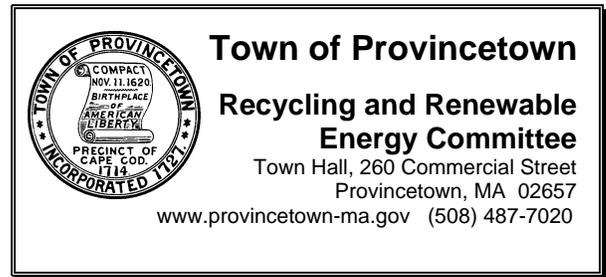


**To:** RREC Members &  
Eric Larsen

**From:** Laura Ludwig  
Recording Secretary

**Date:** July 13, 2016

**Subject:** RREC Minutes



## ***Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT***

**Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

**10:00 am**

**Caucus Hall**

**Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown**

Meeting called to order at 10:00am.

Members in attendance: Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Elise Cozzi.

Members absent: Jen Rumpza.

Staff in attendance: Eric Larsen

Recording secretary: Laura Ludwig

1. Approve 6/15/16 Minutes. Elise moved to approve the minutes as written; Lydia seconded and all were in favor.
2. Discussion regarding Plastic Bag Ban Enforcement
  - ❖ Lydia talked to the town's new Code Compliance Enforcement Officer about the various establishments in town who have yet to come into compliance with the plastic bag regulation. Stop & Shop is distributing unlawful yellow plastic bags labeled "CORN"; and the Shell Shop persists in distributing their thin bags. Shop Therapy has indeed converted to lawful bags. Not all farmer's market vendors are in compliance yet.
  - ❖ Lydia handed out the "rack card" version of the Ptown Plastic Bag Reduction Law, and we made edits to update it for 2016.
3. Discussion regarding Recycling Bins in public areas
  - ❖ Aquarium Mall and other locations do not appear to provide recycling bins for public use (Whalers Wharf, Tedeschi's, possibly others). We will find any relevant language regarding state mandates for recycling (Elise will reach out to Sarah Peake's office) and incorporate anything we find in a letter to distribute to locations without bins.
4. CVEC rep is still needed. Laura had asked Dan Towler (resident) if he would be willing or interested in attending the monthly meetings on the town's behalf, but he declined. Lydia will sign up to at least receive CVEC emails regarding meetings dates and times, and the committee members will try to attend when possible.
5. Eric reported that Austin is looking into IceEnergy as a cost saving method for the Fire Department during the summer, where they would make ice overnight during low rate hours and then use the ice to cool during the day.
6. "Buy Recycled" Policy – we are urging the town to buy only 100% recycled paper. Lydia is working with the office supply ordering staff to get samples of paper which will be tested in the town's printing and copying machines. If costs are not too out of line with existing paper budget, and if the paper is of sufficient quality, the town will convert gradually.

7. Bottle Filling Stations - Elise received sample reusable plastic and aluminum water bottles which we would like to use to encourage stores to offer in lieu of selling bottled water and promote the use of the bottle filling stations. The next bottle filling station is not planned yet, but we are planning to set aside \$1500 of our annual budget toward that installation and will ask at least two other committees (Beautification and Harbor) to also contribute funds. Possible locations include the VMCC or Chamber of Commerce. We would like to have the school install at least one, and have had preliminary agreement by Beth Singer to install one on each floor. The school would work w/ DPW on that, and we offered to put some funds toward the cause.
8. Set next meeting date and time – Wednesday, August 3, 10:00am.
9. Elise moved to adjourn; Laura 2nded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.