

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Meeting Minutes September 7, 2016

10:06 Lydia, Jen and Elise present. Eric Larsen and Deb A also present. Margaret from Trees for Provincetown present.

Lydia moved to approve minutes from 8/3; Jen 2nd; all approved.

1. Margaret talked about Trees for Provincetown and asked us to support/endorse her endeavors to create an ordinance to protect trees that create shade on Provincetown property. A by-law is drafted and was shared with each committee member. There is already a state by-law but not much enforcement. Margaret's Tree Advisory Group will be local and make decisions about trees abutting sidewalks and town property. Currently Rich Waldo is the tree warden. A question was brought up whether the current tree warden, being also the DPW director, may have a conflict of interest between the jobs of protecting the trees and public works.
 2. We still need a CVEC rep. Lydia is going to try to attend the September 15th meeting. Deb said she would attend the next one in November. Meetings are every other month. Liz Argo was asked to give a quote on how much a power purchase agreement would be.
 3. Styrofoam: Should we ban it or try to dissuade companies that are using it? David Gardener came into meeting at 10:45. Said he wants by-laws in early for Spring Town Meeting. Board of Health may be able to work with us on creating a by-law.
 4. Evaluations for Restaurants and their recycling practices: brainstormed about how we could implement such an evaluation and if there would be rewards for incrementally improving the recycling practices and policies at restaurants. Elise came up with the idea of calling it a Greening Up Program. Someone suggested we ask restaurants to compile lists of things they're currently doing and share that with other restaurants. Get all key players—owners, chefs, managers—involved. Deb mentioned considering not just recycling but also buying local food, fish, etc.
 5. Water bottle filling stations: Do we have funding? Eric said each inside unit would cost \$1200-1500. Each outside unit would be \$3-5K. Jen mentioned that Gloria said in an email that the Historical Committee has precedence only over the outside of Town Hall, not the inside, so we would most likely be able to get the ok to put a station in the lobby of town hall.
 6. Parade glitter was mostly paper. Eric mentioned that there was a group interested in volunteering to do clean-up after Carnival parade.
 7. Re-thinking butts. Do we want to ban smoking on all town property?
- Meeting adjourned at 11:15.