

Minutes of the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee meeting held Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 1:00 pm at Fire Station No. 3, 254 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA

Committee members present: Laura Ludwig, Lydia Hamnquist, Elise Cozzi, Maureen Travis. Members excused: Jen Rumpza.

During the meeting we announced to passers-by that it was "America Recycles Day" and promoted the use of cloth bags over plastic. Several bags were purchased.

- 1) Minutes - Maureen moved to approve the minute of 11/1/16 as written; Elise seconded and all were in favor.
- 2) Water Bottle Filling Stations - we are still working on getting a sign made to indicate the station on the 1st floor of Town Hall. The school has raised over \$2500 so far for their station. Lydia spoke to the superintendent Beth Springer, who agreed they may coordinate purchasing reusable bottles for students which may use our logo. Lydia also worked with Andrea Tasha to revise the logo so it reads, "Yes to Clean Oceans; No to Plastic Bottles". We learned that the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to put \$4500 toward a bottle filling station installation near that office. The RREC will submit an application to VSB for funds toward four other stations.
- 3) Lydia reported that the Town is now using partially recycled paper (30%).
- 4) DPW provided bar graphs showing stats of recycling vs. MSW over this year and last; we have increased recycling rates and reduced weight of MSW.
- 5) It was noted that trash/recycling cans are scarce between Johnson St. and St. Mary's church in the East End. Lydia will meet with Eric L. to review locations.
- 6) There are two Town Civic Engagement Forums (Nov 16, Nov 19) where we hope to inform the town body of some of our initiatives for 2017. Elise prepared some talking points which we amended slightly, regarding bag thickness, bottle filling stations, cigarette butts and polystyrene.
- 7) Cigarette butts - Lydia has indicated to DPW that this committee is willing to apply the storm drain plaques that were purchased earlier this year, indicating that "this drains to the ocean." Laura reported on the Marine Debris Law Symposium at Roger Williams on Nov. 4, where a presentation was made on the "Sidewalk Buttler." All present considered it a good possibility for further investigation, and Lydia will purchase one to install at her store for a test run. Elise will bring it up to the Board of Health as well.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wed. Dec. 7 at 11am.