

Minutes of the Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Community Development Conference Room
11:00am

Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Maureen Travis, Elise Cozzi; also present - Anna Meade, former member; Morgan Clark, Deb Albenberg, staff

Minutes from the November 15th meeting were approved as amended.

Visitor Services Board – Laura and Elise worked on the application for the current round of Tourism Enhancement funding for five water bottle filling station. It was submitted through Eric. The request was for \$14,500 for five stations.

Morgan reported on some of the Board of Health issues they are dealing with.

Water quality and Storm water drain protection is one concern and she is pleased we are applying plaques about “drains to sea”. We informed her of the Sidewalk Buttler and how the city of Portland is cleaning up their streets. Morgan suggested building momentum and infrastructure first to launch a major town-wide initiative. We will talk first to Eric about storage of the butts, which would be the biggest first challenge. Then it would be good to get buy-in from other town boards and committees – there may be regulations pertaining to installation. Then we could talk to businesses and restaurants through the Chamber of Commerce who might be interested.

Laura will reach out to Mike Roylos (the Buttler inventor) to get a little more info on the program. Lydia will talk to Dave Quinn about involving other Cape towns, and whether it would be good to have Roylos come to the Cape to present the concept.

There are regulations about which fertilizers can be used on private and town properties. Laura mentioned the Center for Coastal Studies’ water quality monitoring program’s web portal of sample sites which list which contaminants are present.

E-recycling – the transfer station currently accepts e-waste, but the vendor is not on the list of certified vendors for safe disposal. This committee could recommend that DPW look at the list of certified vendors, and consult with other towns who already use those vendors.

Hidden Hazards in the Arts – the town will be sponsoring a workshop in May 2017 with an expert on hazardous products in many art media and best disposal practices. The board of health would like this committee’s help in outreach to the artists and craftsmen in town.

Outer Town Crier – Morgan curates that e-blast mailing and encourages this committee to submit information for that weekly newsletter. She thinks that we have accomplished a great deal in recent years and would like to recognize the recycling and renewable energy initiatives we have undertaken. She suggested two lists – one of reminders, and one of successes.

CVEC rep – we still need to identify a volunteer to represent Provincetown at the CVEC meetings. The meetings are every other month for a half-day in Barnstable; lunch is included. Deb will put together a short description of the position so that we can post it in the Banner and/or distribute it.

Bottle Filling Stations – Lydia reported that the school will be installing more stations and that they've raised \$2500 for it. Deb reported that her daughter is very excited about them, and mentioned that there is a good digital media person there who could make a great enthusiastic video promoting them.

Maureen will be in LA for the months of Jan-Feb-March. She will take note of the recycling initiatives out there and report back.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 10am.

Agenda includes: polystyrene ban; Town Meeting prep; commercial composting; town funds for bottle filling stations

Laura moved to adjourned; Elise seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.