

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee

Minutes from 16 January, 2013 at 6:30pm Auditorium, Provincetown Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Laura Ludwig.

Members present: Laura Ludwig, Carla Anderson and Elise Cozzi.
Lydia Hamnquist joined the meeting via “facetime” from Kathmandu at 7:00 p.m.

Members discussed the situation of having a predominately new board and agreed all members will review the town charter for the work of this committee, and review information about retaining the “green community” status. These two will be used as guides for the prioritization of the committee’s work in 2013.

Members agreed to begin gathering ideas and information for possible inclusion on the Town Website.

Elise will research the Massachusetts regulations and mandates for renewable and sustainable energy building applications and bring the information to the next meeting. She will also gather info on State and Federal programs which provide incentives to Towns and Individuals for using renewable energy devices/methods.

Carla will meet with the Historic District Commission to gather info on their approach to implementing renewable energy devices on Historic Buildings (buildings within the District).

Laura met with Rich Waldo earlier in the day since he could not attend the evening meeting. He provided info on the town’s MSW and recycling programs and requested that the committee meet 2X each month. Members agreed to do so beginning in February. Lydia (Chairperson) will be back in Town. Next meeting will be 2/6/13 @ 9 a.m.

Committee has a question for Staff. Is the Public Input process for the LED Streetlight Project to be done by this board or the Board of Selectmen?

Carla moved to request from Staff a “project timeline” for the solid waster and recycling contracts, as a “working tool” to get all parties involved on the same page regarding process.

Elise 2nd the motion. Thorough discussion followed.

Vote 4-0 in favor.

Carla will send the email request directly to Rich Waldo and cc Laura Ludwig.

Laura distributed info from Rich Waldo regarding historic and current waste amounts, costs, paybacks, etc. Committee will review this information with Rich at the next meeting.

Committee agreed that having one primary contact with Staff would reduce redundancy. Lydia, as chairperson with the most history on the board, will be the primary staff contact.

Laura has question about Textile (non-clothing) recycling. The committee will pursue information and options with Staff.

YearRounders Festival is 3/9/13. RREC will have a booth. Lydia will organize the RREC presence.

Laura will be attending the Cape Cod Green Drinks social in Brewster on 1/30/13. Other members are invited to attend. There was a small discussion about having a similar type of business networking events on the Lower Cape.

Items for the agenda of the upcoming 2/6/13 meeting:

- Review solid waste and recycling contract timeline with Staff.
- Review waste tonnage info with Staff.
- Preparations for the Year-Rounders Festival.
- Update on the Cape Cod Green Drinks event.
- Ideas about increasing the food composting in town – both commercial and residential.
- Discussion on the use of plastic bags in Town and viable options for reducing the usage.
- Status of recycling bins in Town offices.
- Answers from Staff about StreetLight project public input process.
- Answers from Staff about Textile Recycling.

Laura moved to adjourn.

Elise 2nd motion.

Vote 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.