

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee

7 November 2013 at 10am
Judge Welsh Room, Provincetown Town Hall

Attending: Lydia Hamnquist, Elise Cozzi, Jen Rumpza. Gregg Corbo, attorney from Kopelman and Paige

Gregg told us that Brookline and Manchester by the Sea have instituted plastic bag bans and he handed out information on their by-laws. Amherst has prohibited styrofoam containers. He told us there are two sources of local regulation, a BOH vote and a bylaw voted at town meeting. We would like to see both. He told us we need to put together a regulation with a statement of purpose which includes protection of wildlife and reduction of trash, litter and clogged storm drains. We will also need to include clear guidance of what will be prohibited and have an explanation of why compostable and bio-degradable bags will be included. We will have to study the ASTM D6400 standard. Problem is that even compostable bags pose a threat as they do not compost fast enough. As for enforcement, he told us that it happens through fines of up to \$300, court orders and permitting. If the article passes town meeting, it will go before the attorney general and these articles are "on their radar".

He left at 11:00 and Jen moved to approve minutes from 24 October, Lydia seconded and vote was unanimous. Lydia gave a brief update on the street light project. An inventory of the lights will begin soon and then the ordering process will begin. On the 28th, Lydia met with Kevin Galligan and Maggie Downey, the Cape Light Compact people organizing the project, and they said that they understand that Provincetown is not like other towns on the cape and they plan to install a new sample street light head for us to look at.

Next meeting will be 21 November at 3pm. At 11:30 Lydia motioned to adjourn, Elise seconded and vote was unanimous.