

Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee
January 14, 2015

Solarize Mass
Bags from Andrea
DART

Meeting called to order at 10:04 with Elise, Anna and Jen present. Eric present too. Minutes approved by Jen and Anna.

CABP

The barrel project is underway. The first barrel was returned by Trevor Mikula. VFW is going to be a holding area. From there the DPW will decide where to put them.

Plastic bags--waiting for AG to approve the amendment. To get message out, rather than a mailer spread word via internet and talk to Chamber and PBG and let people know when they get their business licenses (talk to Aaron Hobart). Maybe a little flyer that they get with their license. See if they can put it on the website where they download their license?

Next week Anna is going to Wellfleet to the meeting that is going to talk about banning plastic bags.

Eric said BoH doesn't have a quorum so nothing can be done. Eric was going to try to change fees for disposal, but couldn't.

DART meeting: 5:30, Town Hall. Jan 28. Anna may go. Elise undecided.

RREC cloth bags:

Anna bought 5 and showed us a picture. Not sure how that's proceeding, but Anna believes we have enough for the Year Rounders Fest. Are we going to consider selling them at Stop and Shop? When Lydia gets back we'll talk more about what we want to do. Anna in the meantime might inquire at S & S.

Austin showed up at 10:30.

As far as getting bags out, Anna, from perspective of guest house, says it's unlikely that guesthouse front desk people will encourage or sell bags. Many of the hotels have recycling for guests.

How are we going to get word about bags out to guesthouses? PBG? Chamber? Licensing? RREC FB page?

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Austin consulting to help choose a partner installer. They have 3 applications and going to interview 2. Austin and Leif are going to Boston to interview. After we decide we're going to create a Google Form or Wufoo to get information from people about interest.

CVEC

CVEC is looking at 3rd round for projects. They're gauging interest to see what towns want to do and whether it's worth their time to submit recommendations. We will have almost 1/2 acre at old Elementary school VMCC. CVEC needs commitments from towns for new projects. This will be different, not net metered, but behind the meter, for that building.

The cost of electricity will go up from 10.6 to maybe 13, 14, 15 cents/kwh. It would be smart to create an alternative source of energy.

Committee moved to recommend putting solar panels on the VMCC. Elise moved. Anna seconded. 3-0 vote.

Just had energy audits for town buildings. Eric took them around and there were some serious issues to deal with. Cape Light Compact hooked us up for a free audit.

Jen moves to adjourn. Anna seconded. Vote unanimous.

No one knows when Lydia gets back. Jen will be back Feb 10. Next meeting is Feb 25th, 10am.