

Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee

Minutes of meeting 5/27/15

Caucus Room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 11:00am.

Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Jen Rumpza, Elise Cozzi and Anna Meade.

Staff present: Austin Brandt and Eric Larsen.

1. Approve Minutes - postponed 'til next meeting
2. Solarize Mass update - Austin Brandt - little over one month left, eight contracts have been signed, but others may come on board at the last minute. The word is out in the community and several have gotten estimates already. There may be some confusion with other companies approaching homeowners from outside of the Solarize Mass program. Almost 45 kilowatts have been committed to so far, putting us nearly to Tier 3 status; and there are two larger jobs potentially in the queue (Sea Glass and Provincetown Inn) which would propel the town into a much higher tier.
3. Carla Anderson Beautification Project - All 22 barrels have been deployed by DPW, all of them before Memorial Day. We received a letter from the Historical Commission Chair lauding the project. We discussed the use of RREC funds to purchase clear plastic bags for the painted barrels, but it might be confusing to the handlers, since recycling is always in clear bags. Eric will talk to Tony to see whether it would be doable. If not, the black bags could just be shortened to expose the top tier of the art barrels. We will have a surfeit of funds because all artists have happily volunteered their services. Laura will check to see whether LCC funds can be extended into next year, and use the VSB funds for expenses this year.
4. RREC Reuseable Bags - Lydia showed a sample of 100% recycled PET bag w/ our ship's wheel logo, printed by Rachel Harrington at B Exclusive. They cost us \$7.50/ea, selling them for \$8. Funds are deposited into our Gift fund. We also ordered more of the small \$3 bags. Quite a few places are still using plastic bags, but most have switched over.
5. Firehouse - available for us to use from 4pm onward on several days late May and early June to promote the cloth bags and plastic bag ban, Solarize MA info, and recycling info. We will take turns on two-hour shifts.
6. "Did you know" items - Laura generated a list of new items, and Lydia will send it to Sally at the Banner.
7. New Business -
 1. Elise introduced the idea of water bottle refilling stations. She investigated providers and found out the cost is between \$2000-\$2500. Good locations would be Town Hall lobby and Fire Station #2. Elise will run it by Morgan, then DPW and the Water Dept. will likely be pulled in to discuss installation.
 2. Elise brought info about monofilament disposal and recycling, showing a design based on Boat US's PVC pipe. Would be great to make some up for deployment on the pier. Laura noted that there are similar collection pipes at

some of the Park's beaches, but invariably they are used for non-monofilament trash.

3. Would be great to have some sort of info flyer to place on top of uncollected or overflowing curbside recycling bins w/ information about what is acceptable. We could use the 3-fold flyers we made for the Transfer Station.

8. Set Date for Next Meeting — Weds Jun 3, 11am

- water stations - invite Cody Salzburg from Water Dept and Morgan Clark
- restaurant recycling
- beach signs - can be printed by DPW
- town composting

Jen moved to adjourn; Elise seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.