

Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee
June 24, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2pm. Lydia, Jen and Laura present. Eric Larsen attending.

Lydia told us we have \$541.50 left in our budget and the bill for new trash can stickers is \$540. Therefore, we have a balance of \$1.50. Lydia motioned to pay for the stickers with our available funds, Laura seconded and vote was unanimous.

Elise arrived at 2:10pm

Eric told us the town planner, Gloria wants to meet with all the committees. We should meet with her to talk about our goals. Put Gloria on the agenda for next meeting.

Elise emailed goals. Wants to move into educating the community around not littering and increasing recycling.

Laura wants to work with restaurants regarding take out containers and reducing waste in general.

Certain stores and restaurants are still using thin plastic bags. Fortune Cookie and Lorraine's needs to be contacted.

Eric said textile recycling is coming down the line. The town is also looking into doing composting for restaurants.

Anna Meade arrived at 2:20pm.

Mission statement: Laura proposes we add "educate and advocate" to be a part of the mission statement. We voted and all were in favor. Was edited in Facebook and will be submitted to Lynn Martin in Town Hall so that it can be changed on the website.

Next meeting was decided on: Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 10am.

Goals:

- 1) Restaurant project: to develop a consultation for restaurants regarding solutions to recycle and reuse more and lessen the impact of waste on the community. Include feedback and look at realities. Look into National Green Restaurant Assoc.
- 2) Filling Station and water bottle project
- 3) Educational signage, including graphic pictures of what happens to the ocean with waste.

4) Styrofoam

5) Start talking to the Town Planner to work on maintaining our green community status, and getting involved in town projects, such as the building of the Police Station and the half acre of roof space on the old High School.

6) Set sights to talk to Wellfleet about changing the use of plastic bags to nothing thinner than 3.5 and create a bylaw by Spring 2016.

7) On-going trash can project

8) Educate and advocate for businesses and individuals switching to solar and to see what kinds of projects and phases we can participate in. Talk to Austin.

9) Educate ourselves or recruit another member who knows more about wind energy, and try to obtain professionals or educators to come and speak to us or the town regarding alternative sources of energy.

10) Whale watches are using plastic cups and plastic straws and things are going overboard.

We set up times for people to work the firehouse for dispensing information and selling bags.

Minutes approved from last meeting June 12th. Elise moved, Jen seconded, we all approved.

Angus said stickers will arrive July 18th

Restaurant, Whale Watch and water bottles are top priorities to be discussed at next meeting.

This Saturday is an opportunity to work with whale watches to deal with the recyclables. Laura is going to be at the recycling stations to make sure everyone does. Laura suggested looking up Whale Sense which promotes responsible whale watching.

Jen moved to close meeting, Laura seconded it. Adjourned at 3:20pm