

Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
9/24/15

Meeting called to order at 10am. Elise, Laura, Lydia and Jen are present. Lydia showed us flyers she has been handing out regarding hazardous waste collection, Saturday October 3rd 9am-12pm. A sign has been added to the recycle bin at the transfer station regarding bagging recyclables in plastic or paper and it has been helping with fewer plastic bags filled with recyclable items.

Austin arrived at 10:10. Gifts given.

RREC looking for someone who has more knowledge about renewable energy. Committee members have to be residents, but non-resident experts would be welcome at our meetings if there is new information from anyone we are looking for more ideas.

LED lights are awesome and Laura noted that their light is far better than the LEDS installed in Newport.

Anna Meade arrived 10:16

Austin: hard to measure how much the town is saving from renewable energy, but with CVEC we can gauge it. We are actually getting monthly checks from CVEC, our net benefit thorough that program. Austin is proposing we put the money in a revolving fund so that we can pay our invoices. Committee should support that to make it easier for the next energy manager. The extra money could be used as seed money for other energy-saving/money-making projects.

Board of Health added an article to the STM warrant banning smoking on town beaches and town hall benches. Butts are clogging storm drains. We should have drains labeled as draining into harbor. Could just paint words that whatever you drop in there goes into the ocean. Cigarette butt awareness could be a Board of Health/Health Awareness initiative. Could be a collaborative effort with different departments and Center for Coastal Studies. Electric car Charging stations are up and working. Ton Fuccillo (Tourism) is putting out a press release. The first users were from PA and had a Chevy Volt.

Ptown, Oaks Bluff and Tisbury all got grants to put solar panels on buildings for Round 3. David Gardner will have info for it. David will be the CVEC rep until the resource manager position is filled. Duties of that position are still undefined. There is funding for it but the details are being honed. Another reason to set up a revolving fund could be to partially fund a position of Resource Manager.

Eric wants solar panels on VMCC. \$3500 could be saved a month. New roof is finished and ready. You could also use revolving funds to put RFPs out, energy education. Because these projects will be behind the meter, the roofing on VMCC will be saved?

Grace Hall lot lights: if they're not white, then they're not ours, or Nstar's. Four of them are completely out and DPW would like to take ownership of them so we can maintain them.

It will cost \$5000 for DPW to get new barrels. We are negotiating what to do with Recycling barrels. Eric wants to replace the current style (green square cans) with blue steel barrels.

The only way Provincetown can become a Green Community is to redo the HVAC system in the school. The school will be asking for 7 million at fall town meeting, 3.5 million of which will be awarded by MSB grants once the town OKs 3.5 million. Roof, insulation, HVAC, windows, etc. Eric said to chat with Beth Singer how she's going to present this at town meeting.

CABP: wait until we have new barrels? do project in street? in the spring? Jen will start to reach out to artists as if the second round will happen in the spring. Target 10 barrels for artists to do more this fall.

Special Town Meeting October 26th. Special Election Oct 27th

Date for next RREC meeting: October 8th. 10am.

Agenda:

Town Meeting

CABP

Marketing as a green community

Research sustainable living here

Did you Know? Re: VMCC

Get info from Solarize MA program

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