

Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee  
Minutes  
October 8, 2015  
Caucus Room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 10:00am.

Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Elise Cozzi; Jen Rumpza arrived 10:30.

1. Approve Minutes - Lydia moved to approve the 9/24/15 minutes as submitted by Jen and edited by Laura; Elise seconded and all were in favor.
2. DPW - Eric Larsen sent a note saying he would not be able to attend today's meeting, but that he may have found funds to purchase new 32-gallon barrels for recycling. Discussion ensued regarding the possible confusion of introducing a different container for recycling. Lydia will meet with Eric to discuss options for new or additional recycling containers. She will also bring other items to discuss, such as street light inventory, water stations, and the recycling vs. waste containers at Lopes Square. She will also ask whether the committee could meet with reps from Devita's and Roderick's (and any other private hauling companies) about how they sort their recycling vs. trash at businesses and condos.
3. Plastic Bags - Lydia asked whether the number of plastic bags found during beach cleanups has decreased since the bag ban went into effect; Laura will check with Jesse Mechling at CCS. The State House is holding a plastic bag event in November and Lydia will get more info about it. A few stores in town still hand out thin plastic bags. We will ask Morgan Clark to follow up with them.
4. New Business - New Member Elise recommended Jean Marino, a carpenter in town, to the committee, and will follow up with her and Doug to get her enrolled as an alternate member. Recycling and Transfer Station Lydia pointed out that the Banner has listed mattresses, box springs and fabric as now being acceptable for drop-off. She has updated the Recycling brochure with the new items and has handed it out at WOMR & PTV for PSAs. The brochures will go out with the water bills in the spring, or possibly as an insert in the Banner if we have funding for it. Elise noted that BOH still has old recycling info on their web page; she will let them know to update it. Food Vendors on the Pier The Pier Corp may decide to lease space to restaurants to sell food at the end of MacMillan Pier next summer. RREC would like to ensure that plastic service items are not used. We will investigate where the permitting stands and will speak with Rex McKinsey about getting involved in the process. Special Town Meeting 10/26 Elizabeth Verde stopped in to the meeting to get the committee's vote on two articles of interest — Article 8 for improvements to the HVAC and systems at the school; and Article 15 regarding banning smoking on town beaches. Both Articles received unanimous support from committee members. Article 2 may also need a vote by the RREC, but we need to understand it first (re the installation of large-scale ground-mounted PV

units). Lydia will check with Zoning. 2020 Committee By way of the Town Comprehensive Planning committee, of which both Anna Meade and Laura Ludwig are members, the RREC will have a seat at the table for the 2020 celebration planning. We want to be sure that recycling interests are incorporated in all outreach and advertising. Historic District Commission has asked that RREC participate in any of their hearings when solar panels are involved; Lydia assured them we would. Electric Car Charging Stations We will add that info to our web page. Alternate Energy Interview Lydia noted that WOMR interviewed Tom Hayden on 10/5/15 and he discussed alternative energy sources.

5. Set Date for Next Meeting — Thurs October 29, 10am

Laura moved to adjourn; Elise seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:42am.