

Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee
Minutes of meeting 11/19/15
Caucus Room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 10:00am.

Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Elise Cozzi, Jen Rumpza. Eric Larsen, staff.

1. Approve Minutes - minutes from the 10/29 and 9/24 meetings will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.
2. Update from Eric - DPW received \$6300 DEP grant to support the mattress recycling transportation cost. Mattresses cost \$20/ea. to recycle. Received \$2900 grant for recycling bins to replace the existing square bins. Working w/ a NJ company to secure 60 55-gal blue barrels. Discussion ensued about confusion of offering same shape/size barrels and same rounded lids. They would be deployed from Johnson to Winthrop streets along Commercial (central district). Laura asked that we try to monitor the presence of trash v. recycling in each barrel, concern about contamination. All agreed that painting the lids the same color would help. Will try to use Krylon plastic paint to match the blue. Given the economical price of the blue barrels, we could consider using them for the Artists Barrels as well.
 1. Elise asked what DPW does with Dog Doo bags during the winter when barrels are removed for extreme weather. DPW will clean them up after the event, as per protocol.
3. Carla Anderson Beautification Project - Lydia has invited Beth Singer, Superintendent of the Schools, to have the children paint several of the town trash barrels, likely the ones that are stationed at the school. The art teacher will oversee their effort with guidance from Jen Rumpza.
4. Water Stations - Elise researched them and found that interior installations run \$500-\$600. Any installation in Town Hall would require running it by the Historical Committee. Laura moved to get onto the next HC agenda; Lydia seconded and all were in favor. Steven Borkowski is chair; Susan Avellar and Char Priolo are also on the committee. We will send an email to request an audience. We will try to find a photo of the original bubbler which existed in the lobby before the restoration (2010). We walked down to the lobby to check out possible locations. As for exterior installation - agreed that the existing bubbler in front of Town Hall would be ideal. Could work w/ VSB, CASAS, and the Beautification Committee to help pay for it. Anna suggested leaving that one there since it was just installed and is well-used. Instead we should look at installing it at the MPL bathrooms. We would need to identify exactly where. Eric will talk to the Water Dept. Elise will continue researching units.
5. Lopes Square - Anna suggested moving a solar waste compacter out to the end of MacMillan wharf. Laura and Elise are members of the Harbor Committee and will see whether some of those funds could be used for a new unit.
6. Review of Covanta Tour - Laura, Lydia, Elise and Anna participated in a 3-hour tour led by Meg Morris on Monday 11/16/15. We will send them a thank you card.
7. Business Recycling - Frustration with the lack of recycling occurring at local bars led to discussion of existing Green Business Certification offered through the Community Development Partnership. Decided to request them to hold a certification meeting in Provincetown, hosted by RREC, to invite all Provincetown businesses to attend. Anna moved to connect with the other two Recycling committees (Truro & Wellfleet) to work with them on offering a centralized workshop. Jen seconded and all were in favor. Eric suggested we speak to Dave Quinn to help organize it. Lydia will contact him and also the other committees.
8. Storm Drains - there are 400 drains/catch basins in town. Anna researched them and found that decals are available for \$3.65/ea. which can be easily attached. The decals are 4" diameter. Eric cautioned that they may not withstand rigors of shoveling and scraping. We could instead make a stencil that could be refreshed annually. Anna will look into experiences of other towns.
9. Meeting updates - Anna attended both the Ptown 365 meeting and the Local Comprehensive Planning meeting this week and reported out on those. She represented the RREC and was able to participate in much of the discussion.
10. Set Date for Next Meeting — Wed 12/2 at 10am.
11. Laura moved to adjourn; Anna seconded and all were in favor.