

Provincetown Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee
Minutes of meeting 12/2/15
Caucus Room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 10:00am.

Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Jen Rumpza. Anna Meade arrived at 11am. Max Quinn, invited guest

1. Minutes for 10/29 meeting reviewed and we don't have entire minutes. We reviewed our process of taking minutes and assessed how they are done and if they are good. We decided we can use acronyms in notes, but to write out extended meaning in minutes. Extended, thorough minutes from 10/29 were either not taken or lost. What minutes we have available are approved.
2. PRIME Plastic Reduction in the Marine Environment. Laura received preliminary acceptance for the proposal to be submitted to NOAA's Marine Debris Program by 1/19/16. Laura asked the committee for a letter of support for engaging retail and businesses on water front to reduce plastic waste ending up in the water. Proposal could include funding for bottle filling stations. Laura will be asking for support letters from businesses on the waterfront and other businesses related to marine waste. Far Land at Herring Cove uses non-plastic service ware that could be replicated by businesses in town. Another aspect of the proposal is creating an adopt-a-beach program where participants document everything retrieved from "their" beach that is plastic. It's about building awareness and creating change. Plan to consult www.dinegreen.com for information regarding engaging restaurants in conservation initiatives. "PRIME Partnership" will be the steering committee who will combine resources and best practices to get this program going. Proposal includes beach signage, outreach on whale watch boats, etc. Max asked about what can be done to change the choice of service materials? Who would be interested on good faith alone? We may seek a corporate sponsor for "starter kits" or demonstration products. Laura has another proposal in to NOAA just for fishing gear. Reducing plastic in the marine environment builds on and reinforces our plastic bag ban.
3. Water Stations: VSB Tourism Grant application for putting in water stations is Due Dec 7. VSB likes to fund marketing materials to promote the town. The water filling stations will get people to appreciate the town more and see us as a green community. Possibly have a plaque at every station why we're doing it. Offering water is a service to offer our guest and to reduce plastic marine debris. Elise sent email that there may be a rep coming down next Tuesday to review their water stations. Max will work with Laura to submit a grant application to the VSB for money for the water station. Ask at least \$500, maybe \$1000 for interpretive plaques.
4. CAPB: Lydia wanted to ask Eric if he's ordered new barrels or talked to the high school. What's the best way to clean and prep barrels for artists? Max suggested a team to do them all; he is interested in helping. CAPB is on hold until we know whether we will have new barrels, possibly until spring so that people can work outside with toxic materials. Should we have a party? Buy barrels? More paint? Party near Earth Day. VFW? PAAM?
5. New Business: Anna showed up at 11am. Anna got Austin Brant's job as conservation agent, and so cannot be on the committee any longer. Max will probably become a member; Lydia will enroll him and have him sworn in. Anna brought in an old recycling flyer re "how to sort". We want to tour recycling facility to understand what they need. We will gather info to create a new flyer to pass out to businesses and residents. **Annual Report** due by end of January. Laura attended the Gulf of Maine Regional Marine Debris Planning Meeting. Fishing gear and consumer plastics are of major concern. There are a lot of people working on things like banning plastic, beach clean ups, changing plastics into reusable items. We should build on our success w/ the bag ban by-law and petition the Cape Cod Chamber to encourage a ban on plastic bags Cape-wide. Bring ideas to 365.
6. Next Meetings: Tuesday Dec. 15th, 10am and Tuesday, Jan 5th 10am

Laura moved to adjourn meeting at 11:42, Jen 2nded, and all agreed.