

**Town of Provincetown
Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee
Caucus Hall at Provincetown Town Hall
260 Commercial St., Provincetown
Minutes of Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 9:30am.

Members present: Laura Ludwig, Lydia Hamnquist, Jay Gurewitsch, Tess Knowles, Carolyn Clough. Members excused: Jen Rumpza, Elise Cozzi. Staff: Sherry Prada, DPW; Tim Famulare, Conservation Agent

Agenda:

1. DPW updates
2. Compost Program
3. OCEC
4. Sustainability
5. Recycling Education

DPW updates: BOS approved the RREC budget request(\$10k+). When asked about why such a great increase over 2017, Sherry explained the installation of bottle filling stations and sidewalk buttlers, and the number of plastic bottles that were removed from the waste stream as a result. The budget will go before FinCom in Feb for final approval.

Sherry, Lydia & Kari have gone thru the RDP point structure and found we have 12 points. We are short a point to be eligible for the highest number of points for our hauling regulation. We have asked Morgan about re-writing the hauler contract so as to comply w/ the RDP requirements to gather another point.

Compost update: Dennis-Yarmouth transfer station is the likely location for tote drop-off, still to be confirmed through Kari and the Dennis contact (Chad). Tess has been contacted by B-Street Garden to see whether the RREC could be more involved in the compost process there. Tim says that two gardeners have volunteered to take it on; in the past there has been abuse of the system, with people dumping trash and doggies bags. Tess will investigate composting workshops to attend, and then offer a workshop to the community.

Resiliency came up, given the impacts of the most recent storm. Many homes were damaged in the recent flooding; residents are requesting cleanup help, and there was confusion as to what the DPW and the town can handle. Tim said the town has been trying to get resiliency funding. Laura made a motion that this committee send a letter to the BOS with copies to Harbor, Health, Cons Comm, Disability, Public Landscaping, Building and Finance Committees recommending the formation of a town Resiliency Committee. Jay seconded the motion. Discussion followed. We agreed that staff can't be asked to do everything, and that a public committee would permit more involvement and a focus on this important issue. All were in favor. Laura will draft a letter.

OCEC: Jay reported that the next informational meeting on solar panel installation will be 1/17 at 6:30pm at the Center for Coastal Studies. The meeting in Truro was cancelled due to the storm, so he anticipates a bigger crowd. The RFP has been issued and a vendor will be selected by the end of January. CLC has asked Jay for details on impacts of the recent storm to see where they might be able to help.

Sustainability: We discussed that the name of this committee is not quite accurate, since recycling is not the end-goal. We will devote more time to this discussion at a future meeting and feature some informational content at YearRounder's Fest.

Recycling Education: Lydia is working on updating the brochure. We will wait to make any changes until after our sustainability discussion. Lydia suggested posting a sign at the ferry depot at the end of the wharf stating our "green" status. We will also ask DPW to post the Green Community signs at the entrance of town.

Lydia will be gone thru 2/25/19. Next meeting tentatively scheduled Wednesday, February 7 at 9:00am; and then on Feb 28, when we will drill down on the Sustainability focus of this committee. Laura moved to adjourn. Jay seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11am.