

**Town of Provincetown
Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee
Caucus Hall at Provincetown Town Hall
260 Commercial St., Provincetown
Minutes of Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 9:06am.

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

Agenda:

1. DPW updates
2. Compost Program
3. OCEC
4. Curbside collection improvement
5. Massachusetts Cleanup Day April 28
6. New Business

Jay moved to approve the minutes from January 9th. Tess seconded and all were in favor.

DPW updates: Sherry will be seeing Kari Parcell at a workshop tomorrow. She will talk with her about composting (Dennis) and the paint recycling program. She has submitted the DEP report outlining 2017 stats on MSW, recycling, mattresses, demographics, fees, etc. Jay asked about the disposition of items picked up after the flooding. Nine pickups were made; anything recyclable was sorted (electronics, wood); the remaining was sent off in two dumpsters.

Compost update: Kari P. has been in touch w/ David Johanssen from Dennis who is going to consider options for compost pick-up and/or transfer. Tess heard from Elspeth Hay who is investigating a possible location in Eastham. Elspeth has someone from Recycling Works checking the location in December. Laura reported that Waters Edge is planning to compost all their popcorn at her house. Tim reported that Town Hall is starting to divert coffee grinds. There is a compost workshop in Maine in June – one of us may try to go.

Paper straws are becoming more prevalent in town, many bars and restaurants are switching over from plastic (Liz's Café, Squealing Pig, Strangers & Saints, Baie, Crowne Point, Mac's Seafood, etc.).

OCEC: Jay reported that six installers responded to the RFP; two were eliminated and four were very strong contenders. An installer was chosen by the committee last night, and will be announced publicly later once the state notifies all installers. Meet-the-installer events will be scheduled, and the OCEC will put the vendor in touch with the interested businesses and residents. There has been a big uptick in business interest this round.

Curbside containers: Blue bins generate lots of blown waste. We would like to switch completely over to closed bins, such as 32-gal barrels w/ recycling stickers. We would need to involve Board of Health to make it new legislation. Laura will check w/ Morgan about steps needed to update the regs.

Massachusetts Cleanup Day: April 28th will be the day the state organizes volunteer trash cleanups. We will work with DPW to organize sections of town to clean, get safety materials (vests, gloves) and provide pick-ups. We'll shoot for 8am – 10am, dress in bright colors or use reflective tape. Laura moved that the town participate in the annual "Keep Mass Beautiful" cleanup on April 28th. Jay seconded and all were in favor. Sherry will register us on the website.

Our budget goes before FinComm next Tuesday. Sherry will present it. No hurdles are anticipated.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled Wednesday, Feb 28, 9:00am; 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 10:22am