

**Town of Provincetown
Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee
Judge Welsh Room at Provincetown Town Hall
260 Commercial St., Provincetown
Minutes of Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

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

Agenda:

1. - DPW updates
2. - Town Meeting Articles 20 and 21
3. - Police station/parking vehicle
4. Resiliency Committee
5. - OCEC meetings
6. - Approve minutes

Town Meeting Articles 20 and 21 - Polystyrene/Straws - Ann Stott's informational session was well attended by business reps and citizens. Both articles are listed in the Town Warrant. Elise moved to support both articles on the warrant. Lydia seconded it and all were in favor. Sherry cautioned that it might be too late to include our support on the warrant. Lydia will follow up with town staff.

Jay reviewed Article 10 (part 6) regarding the town's acquisition of a new parking enforcement vehicle. He attended the town forum on this item and learned the existing hybrid is not holding a charge long enough for a full shift; that is the vehicle to be replaced, but it will be a gas engine with 24mpg (minimum to maintain "green community" status). Jay has reached out to MassSave regarding possible incentives for municipalities purchasing hybrids. Jay moved that this committee encourage the town to purchase a hybrid vehicle through the Capital Improvement Plan. Elise seconded; all were in favor.

Police station – throughout public discussion of the new police station this committee has always encouraged the installation of PV panels. Jay spoke with the newly hired project manager and was told there were no plans to include them. He suggested that at the 2019 TM this committee submit a warrant item requesting that the town install PV panels on the police station roof; and additionally that the town install a solar battery bank as a supplement to a gas generator and could be used during power outages by the community. It would be a good idea to have the building committee speak to representatives of the Ace Solar team to prepare for eventual incorporation of the panels. Jay will check w/ David Gardner or the town manager as to the best way to bring the matter forward.

Resiliency committee – Jay has spoken to many committees and staff and all agree it is important to create such a group. There was a town forum on storm events (3/15) run by Tim F. including Arcadis (consultants) and MEMA. The forum was geared toward helping individual property owners (there were two dozen people there). With all the need and support for such a support group, Jay will include this item when he meets with town staff – the structure of the group, whether it should focus on Provincetown or include other Outer Cape towns, etc.

OCEC – In less than 4 weeks we have already achieved Tier 4, which means participants will actually receive a refund from Ace Solar for their installations. There are already 25 signed contracts with more expected; so much that each participating town may receive a free installation. Meetings are better attended with expanded social media presence. ACE reps and Tim F. were at YRF and 17 people signed up. Several people signed up for the town cleanup. Jay will make a flyer to promote both the cleanup and the next meeting at Napi's on 4/21.

Lydia moved to accept the minutes from 2/28; Elise seconded. Laura amended the minutes to better reflect her abstaining vote for supporting the citizen initiative articles. Minutes were approved as amended.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled WEDNESDAY on April 4, 9:00am. Elise moved to adjourn. Jay seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.