

June 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Members present:

Laura Ludwig, Jay Gurewitsch, Elise Cozzi, Tess Knowles, Lydia Hamnquist.

Members excused:

Carolyn Clough.

Public: Anne Stott.

Agenda:

- Outer Cape Energy Commission
- Sidewalk Buttlers
- Info Brochure
- Green Business Designation
- Water bottle filling stations
- Recycling on Pier
- Web Site
- New Business

Outer Cape Energize Commission update -- Jay reported that he met with an East End condo association and the Part-Time Resident Taxpayers' Association and there was a lot of interest in the program. He would be happy to meet with other condo associations as well. Deadline for contract is August 8th. After that date, the price would increase by 30%. The final Provincetown outreach event will be at Elise's house (to demo her PV installation) on July 17 at 9am on her deck, catered by Relish.

Sidewalk Buttlers – The new Buttlers and replacement panel stickers are on order but there have been production issues with the labels. Lydia will request the invoice so that Sherry can encumber the funds this FY, regardless of delivery date. In future, we may elect to get replacement labels from another vendor, given that these have faded after only one year.

Straw campaign – Sherry brought samples of paper-wrapped paper straws now being given out at Russ & Marie's in Wellfleet. Anne has been working on a straw ban poster and/or table card for participating restaurants. We discussed design and think that simpler might be better. She will work with a graphic artist to come up with a design. Printing costs can be paid from our gift fund. We also want to educate businesses regarding the "greenware" problem (plant-based so-called "compostable" plastic straws are still plastic straws) and highlight the alternatives of paper, glass, bamboo, stainless steel, or pasta (!). Jill Talladay of CARE for the Cape and Islands invited Anne to speak at an event in Sandwich regarding the town's straw ban. Laura will try to join that event (July 16 at 6pm).

Carnival parade -- Anne registered us for the parade and will be reimbursed by RREC. Lydia confirmed that we have a truck and/or trailer from Raf. Laura spoke w/ Carolyn Clough who said she would be willing to work on the float with Anne's help organizing. Laura suggested reaching out to CCS to join forces on a joint float.

Water bottle filling stations – Sherry reported that a location was chosen to install an outdoor bottle filling station (without bubbler) in between the two restrooms on the pier. Funds remaining after that installation will go toward the West End Playground station, co-sponsored by the Rec Department.

Recycling info brochure – we'd like to clarify what goes in the bin and hand out at the transfer station. Casella (our recycling handler) has a succinct brochure; Sherry will ask about getting copies or a template to copy. Jay said the town's tourism website is getting updated and will include recycling info.

Green Business – Elise reached out to Pam Anderson at the Community Development Program. Only 6 businesses in Provincetown are “Level 1 Green Certified” but another opportunity will be offered in the fall. A Green sticker is awarded upon completion of the workshop.

Recycling on Pier – Sherry is working w/ Rex and Rich to help figure out how to prevent boaters from dumping their household trash in the public bins. There is a regulation against that practice.

Composting – Laura reported that Yarmouth is working on a multi-million dollar regional anaerobic digester that would accept commercial food waste along with septage. Many restaurants in town have expressed interest in having a local place to dump their food scraps. Tess is meeting with Elspeth Hay to work on a solution.

Covered containers – The Board of Health recently approved a regulation regarding covered curbside containers. The transition will occur gradually away from blue bins to closed 32-gal barrels with recycling stickers. We will post info on FB.

Social media posting policy – For businesses who've switched to non-plastic items and engaged in other waste reduction initiatives, we'd like to be able to publicly thank them. Jay moved that it be an RREC policy to mention businesses on Facebook (without officially endorsing them) who've engaged in waste reduction efforts or who follow a town policy on recycling. Elise seconded and all were in favor.

Laura announced with regret that she will step down from the committee due to family medical issues.

Next meeting will be tentatively scheduled on Thursday, June 28th. Tess moved to adjourn. Elise seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.