

Recycling & renewable Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 31/ 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Members present: Laura Ludwig, Jay Gurewitsch, Elise Cozzi, Tess Knowles, Lydia Hamnquist. Amy Raff, Provincetown Library Director. Members excused: Carolyn Clough.

- Water bottle filling station
- OCEC
- Buttlers
- Cape Wide Plastic Bottles Ban
- Info Brochure
- Green Business Designation
- Recycling on Pier
- Web Site Water bottle filling station

Minutes from the past three meetings will be prepared for review/approval at the next meeting.

Water bottle filling stations – Amy would very much like to have a bottle filling station installed this year if at all possible. We had planned to install one at Town Hall lobby and at the pier. Sherry has spoken to Patrick (plumber) who sent her a lot of info on installations. It will require more planning to install one at Town Hall lobby. She will find out what the considerations are there so we can plan for installing there next year.

At the pier, the exterior installation would be simpler (at Harbormaster's office OR between the restrooms). Sherry will talk to Rex and connect him w/ Patrick to discuss.

The plumber also investigated the tourism office and the ballfield for future installation possibilities; Rec Dept already installed one at the ballfield, and the tourism office will be no problem. Water is being installed at the west end this week and it would be simple to install a filling station there now.

Sherry will ask Patrick to look at the library to see whether an installation could be done easily. If so, and if we have any surplus funds, we could support that installation this year.

Jay made a motion that the FY19 water bottle filling stations be installed on MacMillan Pier, work with Rec Dept to install one at the west end playground. Any surplus funds would be put toward the library. Laura seconded, and all were in favor.

Outer Cape Energize Commission update -- Jay handed out new fliers for the OCEC program. Deadline for signing up for the program is August 8. Jay presented briefly to the BOS last week that we have 7 signed contracts in Provincetown; 36 more are pending. He'll talk to the Parttime Residents annual meeting next month, and to a condo association. There will be one more public meeting in July; location still TBA.

Sidewalk Buttlers – Lydia ordered ten new Buttlers as well as replacement panel stickers for the existing containers.

Cape-wide Plastic Bottle Ban - It will be very difficult to implement a plastic bottle ban, as evidenced by Concord MA experience; especially at bars. It will require a comprehensive outreach and education effort, discussions with business owners, as we did for the straw and plastic bag bans. Lydia suggested highlighting businesses that are embracing plastic reduction efforts.

Recycling on Pier – wind and weather are problematic out there. Sherry will ask Tony Lemme if they can put weight in the cans so they don't blow away.

Carnival parade – Jay has asked the manager at DeVita disposal about truck and/or trailer; they've offered one. Rafael Richter also may have one we can use for the float. Lydia will confirm w/ Raf what he is offering. There is a \$50 parade fee. We will check w/ Carolyn to see if she will organize the float.

Straw campaign – Anne Stott has been working on a straw poster. Sherry printed some out for us to discuss – the printing is too dark in some parts of it. The color of the font could be lightened to show the bent straw.

Green Business – Elise reached out to the state Green Communities office asking about a sticker recognizing those businesses following green initiatives; there is currently no such sticker. The Community Development Program Green Business certification program may offer that sort of thing. Elise will reach out to her.

Composting – Tess has registered for the Maine Compost School in October (with RREC support) so that she can help the town move forward with municipal composting. She's been working with Elspeth Hay on a regional proposal in Orleans; the Dennis-Yarmouth option has been removed from the table due to budgetary constraints.

Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative – Lydia is the town rep for CVEC. Liz Argo will be coming to town to give Lydia a crash course to get up to speed.

Next meeting will be tentatively scheduled on Wednesday or Thursday, June 13 or 14th (pending approval of VMCC). Laura moved to adjourn. Elise seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.