

**Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee
Minutes from 7 May 08, 5-6:20pm, Town Hall, Provincetown**

Attending: Amy Germain, Mike Leger, Lee Bartell, Connie Black, Ghee Patrick

Preceding Minutes: Amy moved to accept the minutes as written, Mike seconded, 4/0.

New Member: Mike moved that we accept Connie Black as our new member, Lee seconded it, 4/0.

Cape Cod Rainwater System: Winslow Grullemans, from S. Wellfleet, gave us a presentation of this concept. It's to capture, filter, store, and distribute rainfall, or rainwater harvesting, something that's been done since the Romans. It's expensive to process water, as communities know. This system, once paid for, is basically free. It's NOT drinking water, though that capability is available (still further filtering, and its "at your own risk"), but it's perfect for all outdoor uses in a garden or yard, and can be used in a washing machine, using cold water, can wash your car, fill your pool, etc. 70% of all water in a home is for non-potable purposes. A 1500 gallon tank would be 6'x11'x9', and would ideally be situated underground. Its cost would be \$6-8K, and it may be possible to have one tank cover a few condos or houses. Installing a system into a brand new house would be perfect. We recommended that he contact David Guertin for starters, then possibly the Water & Sewer Board.

Visit to Jeff Rogers' House: We agreed that we were truly impressed with all that he's done there, and that it was a totally worthwhile tour. Lee will check with Catherine from Promised Land TV, to see when it will be screened, and to see if she'll film us at Race Point Light wind turbine, or talking about recyclables.

Earth Day: A stunning success; the day was sunny, warm and gorgeous, crowds galore, Tom Wineman set up solar panels and talked to folks; we gave out a lot of printed materials, sold a few recycling bins, and Lee had her veggie oil car there, too. The one thing that we forgot was to get any press covering it. We won't forget next year.

Board of Health: Mike attended their meeting, and was surprised that they were unaware of a town regulation that states that if you sell food for immediate consumption, you need to have both a trash can and a recycling can within 5 feet of the entrance. They're going to look into this. Thanks Mike for bringing this to their attention.

Licensing Board: Mike met with them, and will get onto their agenda soon to talk about the requirements that a special event promoter must sign, including one that requires recycling bins at their venues. He has 6 or so leftover cardboard "cans" for 1-2 day events. He had gotten them from Coca Cola on the Cape.

Cape Light Compact: It passed at Town Meeting, so once the new Selectboard is established, then we need to coordinate a visit from them to the Selectboard.

MASS DEP bins: Mike showed us pictures of the bins we'll be getting, 3 sturdy double-ones with tops, and 6 open top mesh ones for the beach.

Maushope: Turns out that Maushope is a non-profit, so, the town is supposed to be picking up their trash and recyclables. It's all a work in progress; one possible outcome is that the dumpster remains for trash, and the town will pick up the recyclables.

Paperless in Town Hall: It ain't going to happen. But less paper is still the goal. Amy picked paper out of the trash can and put it into the recycling can, right in our meeting room. Clearly, education is still needed.

Website re-design: Lee said that after all the town elections are over, Doug Johnstone said that he may be able to help us get started, then Bear Jakkett would help, too. Connie said that she's created

simple websites and would be willing to help.

Integrated Paper: A suggestion was made for them to make a presentation to us about paper, and exactly what's acceptable, etc. Mike will ask them.

At our next meeting: David Gardner wants to discuss "viewsheds", as the town has shown that it wants wind power. Also, Connie wants to discuss plastic bags.

Adjourned: Mike moved to adjourn, Amy seconded, 5/0.

Next Meeting: 4 June 08, 5pm, Town Hall

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Let us pledge to do more, wherever we are in whatever way we can,
to make every day a day of peace." Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary-General**