

## Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee -- Minutes

January 16, 2014 at 2pm  
Caucus Room, Provincetown Town Hall

Attending: Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Carla Anderson, Elise Cozzi, Susanalice Musall;  
Jen Rumpza excused.

Agenda:

1. New Members
2. Approve Meeting Minutes
3. Street Lights
4. Trash Can Project
5. New Recycle Bins
6. Stickers
7. Plastic Bag Ban
8. Set Date for Next Meeting
9. Any other business that shall come before the board that could not be anticipated within the 48 hour minimum posting requirements of the Open Meeting Law

There is a new rule that you do not have to be present at the meeting in order to approve the minutes. There are three unapproved meeting minutes – Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 9. Carla moved to approve them all and all were in favor.

The committee welcomed Susanalice Musall as our newest member.

Streetlight update – lights will begin to be installed in 6 weeks. Lydia has gone thru the town w/ a map to identify problem areas and has submitted that updated map to the town for use in the installation process; Carla assisted on one survey. A few areas have surplus units that won't be replaced; some areas do not need backlight shields; other places have no light at all and will receive new lights.

Lydia is gone the month of February and wants to have everything in place before she leaves. She will hand off any unattended issues to us before she leaves.

Lydia was going to meet w/ Rich this morning to review several issues but the meeting was postponed until next Tuesday. We feel it is important to have a representative from DPW at each of our meetings; in lieu of that it is important to meet w/ Rich or his rep after each meeting to review the minutes. Lydia will meet w/ Rich next week and will request that someone from DPW attend our next meeting.

Trash Can Project – we have funding from Mass Cultural Council and VSB (\$2850). Date is the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>, after Year-Rounder's fest. We have a location to do the artwork (Province Landing at 90 Shankpainter Rd). Still need to do a call to artists so that there can be oversight of the public's artwork and facilitate the process. Rich will use some of our funds to order the primer/paint. We also need to buy drop cloths. DPW/Americorps will help handle the cans.

Carla suggested that we have one can completed for Year Rounder's to encourage public participation. Susanalice volunteered to help paint the base primer coat; but we will have to find an artist to do the design painting. DPW should be able to make the stencils.

Carla recommended that we take a long look at the town trash barrels before summer, especially at Lopes Square. There is currently no recycling at that location.

There have been complaints from residents who observed that DPW staff were throwing trash and recycling into the same truck. We feel it is important to address these concerns and make sure that staff conveys that importance to the workers.

DPW used \$1700 to buy new big blue recycling bins for the VMCC building (new DPW offices). We will be able to afford to purchase most of the stickers we've ordered but will be about \$100 short. Lydia will talk to Rich about getting that from DPW. In the future we do not want to pay for bins or barrels for the town; that money should come out of DPW's budget and our funds should be used for education, outreach and informational efforts.

David Gardner has informed us that we can set up a "gift fund" to recoup the cost of the recycling stickers. Lydia will talk to someone at the town to figure out how to set up that fund. We will offer the stickers for the same price as a blue bin.

Stickers have been ordered and should be delivered in two weeks. Once they arrive, we will get the recycling symbol stickers to Scott at DPW for sale to the general public, and we will pick a warm day in March or April to apply the other stickers on the square green bins.

Public Relations is important, particularly with the new trash truck, new trash barrels and recycling stickers, and new option of curbside recycling containers. We would like to submit press releases to all the local media outlets (Banner, PTV, WOMR) to help announce the information. Elise will contact them with information soon.

Carla will submit a press release to announce the Trash Can Art project and the new stickers, to appear in the March 5 Banner. She will also mention the process that we went through to assess PAYT and our recommendation to continue w/ the current system as a result of that review.

Laura shared the premise of the most recent grant application she submitted to NOAA Marine Debris Outreach and Education Program, which a project to work w/ commercial enterprises to reduce plastic in the to-go restaurant industry.

Regarding Plastic Bags, Lydia has talked to Brian Carlson about moving forward with by-law recommendations. We need a working draft of language. Carla will call Janet Whalen about attending a BOH meeting.

Laura left the meeting at this point (3pm). Lydia continued w/ the minutes.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 30 at 10am.