

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee -- Minutes  
January 30, 2014 at 10am  
Caucus Room, Provincetown Town Hall

Agenda:

- New Member
- Approve Meeting Minutes
- Trash Can Project
- Update for DPW
- Street Lights
- Stickers
- Plastic Bag Ban
- Set Date for Next Meeting
- New Business

Lydia called meeting to order at 10:02.

Members present were Laura Ludwig, Lydia Hamnquist, Elise Cozzi and Susanalice Musall. Lydia introduced Tracey Primavera, newest member.

Lydia moved to accept the minutes from January 16, Elise seconded and all were in favor.

Trash Can Art Project -- Carla is away for medical reasons. The Trash Can Art project could be postponed until April if necessary. Carla has been working on securing artists and arranging space, but that can be flexible. Tracey would like to be one of the artists. Lydia will be talking to Rich Waldo and will ask for a barrel to use as a demo at Year-Rounders fest. The barrel will need to be prepped, primed and painted, which Susanalice has volunteered to do.

Tracey volunteered to document the process, and we'll post the photos on the RREC Facebook page. Lydia will speak to the person who created the FB page to add Laura as administrator.

Year-Rounders Fest -- Lydia has talked with Mark Evans from Casella. He will provide recycling brochures for us to use at Year-Rounders.

The "Demo Barrel" will be on display. Elise suggested leaving half the barrel as-is, and the other with the finished paint job, to demonstrate the before and after. It was decided that having two barrels would be even better. Both barrels could be used for trash at the Food Center, as part of the demonstration.

DPW -- Lydia will meet with Rich to discuss a few items: Hazardous waste; anything DPW wants to add to the "Did You Know" items; signs for the transfer station with clear recycling info; Trash Can Art Project and how to secure a single "demo barrel" for Susanalice to prep for Year-Rounders; large item collection or pick-up days; DPW staff attending our meetings; barrel recycling stickers.

The new DPW Dep. Director is Eric Larsen from Wellfleet; he begins in February. We will request that he attend our meetings at least once a month.

“Did You Know” – Elise spoke to Sally at the Banner who invited new items and asked if we’d like to publish an article in the paper. Elise will draft a brief article. WOMR and PTV will air any PSA information we can provide, so she will draft a press release and send it around to the committee for input.

Annual Report – Lydia crafted the annual report and submitted it to Doug last week.  
Province Lands Visitor’s Guide – Elise ordered stickers for us to print out and apply to the guide for info about our recycling program. Tracey offered to create a simple Provincetown recycling logo with symbols and a small bit of text. Once the stickers are printed we will stick them onto the guides. In order to streamline the info, Lydia will talk to Lynn about assigning this URL for our page – [provincetown-ma.gov/recyclinginfo](http://provincetown-ma.gov/recyclinginfo). Susanalice moved to use the logo Tracey designed to be used in all future RREC communiques, press releases, posters, flyers, etc. Elise seconded, and all were in favor.

Plastic Bag Ban/Proposal – Carla presented our proposal to the Board of Health on January 13, which included the following language --  
The RREC is initiating a town article designed to encourage an increased use of reusable bags and to drastically reduce the number of plastic bags being used in town.

We agree with town Counsel that we can adopt language for this article based on what other communities are doing...with the following specifications:

1. This ban would apply to all plastic bags, not only single use.
2. This article would apply to all businesses in town, not just those over a certain square footage.
3. The article will apply to both retail and restaurants, especially those offering take out food.

We would like an article on the upcoming April 7, 2014, town meeting warrant, with the new regulation taking effect January 1, 2015. Regarding the enforcement of the article, we suggest that BOH and the Health agent work directly with Town Counsel to complete the wording for the article making sure all of their concerns are addressed and ours are included. Laura, Carla and Lydia will put together proposed language based on the above. We may need to reconsider #1 above, as it might be seen as too drastic. Our language should be consistent with other town templates to help ensure compliance, and should focus on “single-use plastic bags”. At our next meeting we will review and approve finalized language, which will be forwarded to the BOS by March 7<sup>th</sup> for their consideration. As a committee sponsoring an article, we will be allowed to hand out a flyer at Town Meeting regarding the proposal.

It will be important to involve PBG, VSB and the Chamber to encourage a town-wide adaptation of being bag-free. An RREC member will attend the next meeting for each group to bring up the bag ban issue.

Town Charter – We would like to remove the word “trash” from the mission statement and expand the mission statement to include renewable energy. Laura will edit the existing language and will send it around; final language will be turned in to the Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee through Doug Johnstone.

CVEC /CLC Representatives -- Peter Petas, Provincetown resident, was approved as the town's CVEC (Cape and Vineyard Electric Co-op) rep as of last week. Lydia will invite him to attend our March meeting, and we will request input from him as he gets relevant info from CVEC meetings. David Gardner stopped in to let us know Tom Donegan will be the town's CLC rep.

LEDs -- Lydia will be giving David info about the removal of a few street lights. David will check w/ BOS to see whether that is an item that needs to be brought to them by RREC at their next meeting, or if it can just be wrapped into the installation work. Next meeting on Wednesday, February 12 at 10am; we will Skype Lydia in, as she will be in Kathmandu.

Motion to adjourn was made by Elise; Susanalice seconded; all were in favor and meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

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*Laura Ludwig*