

## Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee

Meeting minutes

October 1, 2014

Caucus Room, Town Hall

Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig, Jen Rumpza, Anna Meade;  
Elise Cozzi and Susanalice Musall excused.  
Austin Brandt, staff; Amy Germain, invited guest

Agenda:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from 9/17/14
- Solarize Mass update
- Fall Recycling and Plastic Bag Information Brochures
- Other Business
- Set Date for Next Meeting

Meeting called to order [at 10:05am](#). Lydia handed out a draft of a letter of support from the RREC to the BOS to recommend the town's application for Solarize Mass grant awards. Laura moved to support the Solarize Mass application and submit the letter as drafted; Jen seconded and all were in favor.

Lydia moved to accept the drafted minutes from the 9/17/14 meeting; Jen seconded, and minutes were approved without discussion.

Solarize Mass and Solar Team – Austin updated the committee on the progress of populating a Solar Team, required for the grant application he will submit this month. He was pleased to report that Jack Berigan has signed on as Solar Coach, who will work closely with Austin and the town to further the PV initiative if the grant is awarded. Austin created a Survey Monkey survey which was circulated in the community; after less than a week he had received 90 responses with an overwhelming 95% support for bringing solar to town. He appreciated us sharing the survey on the Provincetown Community Space Facebook page and circulating it among our friends.

Anna Meade, Jen Rumpza and Amy Germain are also considering a role on the Solar Team, and will meet with Austin after the meeting to discuss. Amy will be away all winter but could assist remotely by reviewing, editing and drafting materials.

If selected for funding, the town would receive \$2500 for marketing directives and there would be an enrollment period beginning in February 2015 for those interested in solar evaluations and installation. The evaluations would give the homeowner all the necessary information for moving forward, including options for rent/lease/own.

Brian Carlson and Austin will have a booth of information materials at Town Meeting ([10/27](#)), and will collect email addresses to create a Clean Energy email distribution list. Information will also be posted on the Town's web page.

Recycling and Plastic Bag Bylaw Flyers – Laura designed a plastic bag bylaw informational flyer for distribution to businesses and others before TM. Several changes were suggested and the final version will be sent out by 10/7/14. The recycling information flyer is complete and will go out with the water bill this week.

Trash Can Art Project – Lydia received a contract from VSB to be signed off and returned to Radu. Jen will run an ad in the Banner for a “call to artists”. Laura contacted Tony Lemme to arrange for space, delivery and paint materials. We will use the name “The Carla Anderson Memorial Barrel Beautification Project” and have the barrels painted by [April 1](#) for distribution summer of 2015.

Other business -- Austin left our meeting to attend a CVEC meeting with staff, and returned to ask for our support on net metering credits, such as was discussed at the 9/17/14 meeting: The RREC recommended to the BOS that the town reserve up to 1.9 million kwh of Net Metering Credits. Lydia motioned for the RREC to officially vote to support the plastic bag reduction article to go before special town meeting [on October 27th](#). Jen seconded and all were in favor. Lydia also motioned for the RREC to officially vote to support the Solarize Mass program for Provincetown. Anna seconded and all were in favor. Board of Health will meet [on 10/16/14](#) to review transfer station rules and regulations, including the hours/days of opening, the recycling system and the changes to the station. Lydia will attend that meeting. Lydia brought forward information on how to mail in and recycle batteries and will investigate a town-accessible drop-off point for battery collection.

Next meeting will be [Wednesday, October 22 at 10am](#) to prepare for TM.

Laura moved to adjourn; Lydia seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned [at 11:55am](#).