

Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2014

10am

Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Jen Rumpza, Elise Cozzi

Excused members: Laura Ludwig, Susanalice Musall

Staff present: Austin Brandt

Meeting called to order [at 10am](#). Frank, the owner of Relish, arrived at the meeting and told us while he supports the idea behind the plastic bag reduction, as a business owner he is opposed and wanted to know if we had any alternatives to suggest for him. While the committee sympathized with his situation, Lydia told him that if the article passes he will have to comply and that he should have seen this coming. We will try to come up with alternative bags that stores can sell.

Jen told us that she is going to begin recruiting artists for the trash barrel project. We are looking at painting about 130 barrels. It was suggested that we speak with the school art teacher and to work on the barrels near the school being painted by students.

Plastic bag reduction article was next topic of conversation. Lydia is ready to present the article and give a brief talk. She will have lots of information available for anyone with questions. We are happy to be following Nantucket's lead and realize that because of our location it is important for us to be the first town on the Cape to do this. Water is the main reason people come here and protecting it is important as well as protecting the fishing industry. We all decided that if you personally believe in this then your business needs to reflect that.

Austin spoke about the Cape Light Compact meeting he attended. The electric supplier for Provincetown residents is Con Ed and supplier for town buildings is NextEra Energy. He explained about the restructuring with NSTAR. Austin is meeting Liz Argo tomorrow about distribution of solar credits for town accounts. Elise suggested that he speak to seniors at the COA. Jen said that the CDP will help seniors. Jen is on Veridian and will let us know how that goes for her. Also, Elise's solar credits are working well. She says E2 Solar based in Dennis is a good company.

Next meeting will be [November 5 at 10am](#) and the agenda will be:

- Town meeting and state votes
- Solarize Mass Program
- 2016 budget
- water stations
- water bill inserts

[At 11:30](#) Lydia moved to end the meeting, Jen seconded and vote was unanimous.