

Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee

November 5, 2014

Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Jen Rumpza, Susanalice Musall
Members excused: Laura Ludwig, Elise Cozzi
Staff present: Austin Brandt

Meeting was called to order [at 10am](#). Rachael Harrington came by to talk about helping us print bags for tourists to use for shopping. She found a site, enviro-tote.com, that has bags made locally of natural products. She is going to look into tote bag grants.

Susanalice motioned to approve minutes from last meeting, Jen seconded and all approved.

Austin wants solar panels to be based on Administrative Reviews. Historic District asks abutters now, but it would stop the long process of notifying. Historic district might be behind it; starting to work with Gloria on that.

The updated bottle bill was voted down so deposits will not be required on plastic bottles. We need to strengthen recycling with property managers. Lydia will distribute the left over recycling inserts to companies in town that rent properties.

Austin told us about his latest meeting with Liz Argo. Our net metering credits will be available by January. We own the solar panels at the transfer station. Our host project credits go to town accounts and we off-take from solar and wind projects, which are treated differently. Some cashed out (+1mwh). Less than 1mwh is diverted. Eastham has been building up of credits. Our agreement, because we are an off taker, so we get a portion of credits. Austin is going to track credits through vouchers (bills)

As for the Solarize MASS program, the town will pick an installer in February. E2 Solar seems like a good one. Wellfleet had a huge demand for the program and they are applying to become a green community. Trustees of condo associations will be reviewed as well.

2016 budget--Lydia will send it out to us and we will review and reassess at next meeting. We have 6 months to spend the money we have. A check from Dan will be coming (to Jen) a week from Thursday for Banner ad.

Austin will look at getting the kids involved in how to save energy. Different educational programs are going to educate the kids and personalize it for Provincetown schools. Climate change report. Big UN report. Renewable energy is huge right now. National Security claimed that climate change is a threat to national security.

Austin is working on putting together a newsletter. Maybe a couple of them will be done by the Year-rounders Festival for us to distribute. Perhaps we can send out mail blasts for newsletter. Austin is here through August and partially funded 2nd year, then all on the town. Energy Reduction Plan ends 2016. Brian and David put it together to become a Green Community. Austin is working on revising it.

[At 11:30](#) Lydia moved to adjourn; Jen seconded and meeting adjourned.