

Provincetown Recycling Committee Meeting
March 28, 2007
Town Hall Meeting Room A

Michael Leger

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Members present:

Michael Leger
Amy Germain
Lee Bartow
Ghee Patrick

Staff Present:

David Guertin
Jim Denietolis
Gerard Menengas

Ghee motion to elect Michael Leger Chairman

Amy 2nd motion
All in favor 4-0-0

Michael motion to elect Amy Germain Secretary

Ghee 2nd motion
All in favor 4-0-0

Presentation to the Recycling Committee by DPW. David to provide copy of presentation to Town Clerk to be incorporated in RC minutes when posted.

DPW would like to bring forward with support from the RC, a program and plan to revamp the recycling program in town. This is utilized by other towns on the Cape as well.

Transfer station opened in 1994.

Jim to work with Mike to prepare a brief statement/report to be read at the Annual Town Meeting in support of Article 11 in the town warrant.

Suggestion/desire to provide recycling containers at street side trash points.

Goal to reduce what is sent to SEMASS (500 tons per year allowance to burn trash) and increase the amount that is recycled. Current tonnage has consistently been less than allowance. SEMASS is a waste energy plant.

Is the \$44,000 savings available to fund potential spending to implement a top-notch recycling program? NO. Savings are generated into the general ledger accounts and is not enterprise related. A budget would be required.

Discussion regarding residential v. business recycling.

Curbside/street recycling has been mentioned numerous times as a desirable goal.

DPW is responsible for developing a new recycling brochure.

Amy makes a motion to support the DPW initiative to change recycling operations per presentation to PRC of 3/28/07.
2nd Lee
All vote in favor 4-0-0.

Ghee makes a motion to request that the DPW develop a pilot program to collect curbside recycling at the Library, Town Hall, Lopes Square, McMillan Pier, and MPL.

Lee 2nd

All vote in favor 4-0-0

Ghee has a number of bins that were from the Beautification Committee and will be picked up by DPW.

Most likely there will be a DPW liaison at PRC meetings.

Discussion regarding public notification process for the change of the recycling procedures to both residential & business pickup. Examples of other communities' recycling brochures provided to DPW.

Work with commercial haulers and business owners regarding best recycling practices.

Recycling is not charged to businesses.

Michael makes a motion to invite Keith Bergman to next meeting to discuss the renewable energy initiatives.

Ghee 2nd

All vote in favor

Discussion regarding scheduling of next meetings. 7 pm/Wednesday meeting times OK.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 18th 7 pm.

Amy moves to adjourn meeting.

Michael 2nd

All vote in favor 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.