

# **Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee**

## **Minutes from 7 January 2009, 5-6:30pm, Grace Gouveia Dining Room, Provincetown**

**Attending:** Ghee Patrick, Amy Germain, Lee Bartell, and guest Lou Ann Bowen (former Recycling Comm. member)

**Preceding Minutes:** Both Oct. and Dec. minutes were approved 2/0/1

**Commercial St. Recycling:** A long discussion happened over the different ideas of having a recycling bin next to each trash can and how to collect its contents. This led to a discussion about the trash collector companies, and what works best for them. Ghee will talk with the Roderick Company. Another suggestion was to engage both the Chamber of Commerce and the Provincetown Business Guild (PBG) and see if they can't help recycling being a town-wide goal. Amy will speak to both Darlyne in Licensing and Brian from Health Dept, to pick their brains.

**Goal:** We want Provincetown to be the #1 recycling town on the Cape! So we need to help educate the population that this is a wonderful goal to strive for, and having the words "Provincetown Recycles" on all our recycling cans, and, if possible, put up a sign as one enters town on Rt. 6, that says it, too, would all help the campaign to succeed. Many summer visitors come from a recycling town, and look for ways to recycle here as well.

**Special Events:** When a promotor or sponsor applies for a special event permit, a card would be given to him/her that explains that Provincetown Recycles, and how it's done, etc. One idea is to charge them a recycling deposit fee of \$100, which would only be returned when the recycling had happened, and with trash handled appropriately. Lee will forward one idea of this card to all and we can discuss it at next meeting.

**Getting the word out:** To help promote our goal, and any news we have (Did you know that you can leave the top on the water bottle? for instance), we're going to check with Ch. 17, WOMR, and WCAI. We might have a quick spot periodically shown on Ch. 17, or it could be a 15-minute weekly program, or we may underwrite a show on WOMR and get 3 or more mentions, and on WCAI's Bulletin Board, we might be able to mention all that we recycle. Lou Ann will be happy to help us with video, taping any meetings, events, plus the "Did you know that"s, which the Banner is printing when space opens up. Lee will forward this to Lou Ann.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm**

minutes by Lee

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, 4 February 2009, 5pm, Recreation, yellow room, (unless elsewhere)**

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