

**Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee
Minutes from 11 May, 2011, 4 to 6pm
Caucus Hall, Provincetown Town Hall**

Attending: Amy Germain, Kelli Dahl, Scott Powell, Elizabeth Patrick, Lydia Hamnquist

Amy began discussion by introducing her mother, Rhoda Rossmore, who is considering becoming a member of the committee. Brian Carlson and David Gardner also sat in on the meeting and Pru Sowers sat on the side to observe.

Amy began with questions about the actual start of single stream recycling at the transfer station and David told us that the new hopper would not be bought until the new fiscal year begins in July but that we are in the new system and can begin working on information for the community. David said that he would ask Mark White if the construction would be completed during September and October and he said that the extra trash cans for town will be available in July. Amy suggested that because there was so much work to do that we meet every week or two for a while and then go to every month during the summer. This was fine by all committee members. Scott and Rhoda said they were interested in fund-raising and would keep us informed about their plans. Amy said that she would speak with George Price to see if he can attend our next meeting to talk about a solar facility. Then Kathy Fletcher from Tru2O gave us an update on her progress beginning a business that wants to reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles. Her campaign is called Evolve and she already has many businesses signed up such as Cape Air, Bay State Cruises, Center for Coastal Studies, Angel Food, East End Market and Twisted Sister. She has chosen Provincetown as the place to launch her business which she hopes to expand across the country. She said that her program would reduce use of plastic bottles by 79%. Lydia spoke about the RREC table at the Year-rounder's Festival and how many people who came by were confused about the single stream program and how much of the information available from the town will need to be updated. Amy and Lydia will work with the DPW and come up with a new pamphlet with updated information. Amy wants to have a "green certification" program in town and she asked David to help get her on the BOS agenda for 23 May to talk about priorities. Lydia then spoke about her attendance at the CLF wind seminar in Hyannis on 31 March. Most of the participants had worked in the field for decades and were from Plymouth to Barnstable. Most of the conversation revolved around the sound that the turbines make and how we should all keep updated on new turbine technologies. David suggested we look for "stealth wind power" and that we look into providing a power station for electric cars. We also decided to look into providing information to Provincetown residents about solar power for their homes.

Previous Minutes: Scott moved to approve minutes from 2 March, 2011. Amy seconded and everyone voted to approve. Amy moved to adjourn, Kelli seconded and everyone voted to approve. Next meeting will be 23 May.