

# **Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Minutes from 9 November, 2011, 5 to 6pm Caucus Hall, Provincetown Town Hall**

**Attending: Amy Germain, Kelli Dahl, Scott Powell, Lydia Hamnquist, Sandy Turner and David Gardner**

Amy called the meeting to order at 5pm and Sandy told us that Provincetown's recycled items had been downgraded. She did not know why but she had a conference call arranged for tomorrow morning at 11am and invited any member of the recycling committee that would like to listen in. She also wants us to help inform the public about the new recycling program with a new brochure which she will help us create. Kelli and Scott are interested in helping raise money for more recycling barrels and want them to be well-placed. David asked Sandy about the new hopper at the transfer station and she said that "we are on schedule". She also informed us that foreman Gerard Menangas is being replaced by Scot Bronson from the highway department. Perhaps we could get the new foreman to come to one of our meetings. David next told us about where companies he has been speaking with are interested in putting solar facilities in Provincetown. He was confused by the fact that none of them were interested in the transfer station and all wanted panels on the harbor master's office. He is going to Hyannis tomorrow to speak with CVEC engineers about their lack of interest. Amy suggested that we do the solar on our own without government help. CVEC does all the engineering and 90% of the energy is ours. Our Green Communities application is almost done. One more meeting needed with town council about the procedures and should be ready to mail next week. The school committee has approved the energy program. Perhaps the VSB could include the new recycling info in their mailings and/or on their website. Sandy says the DPW building has a filtration system and we had a discussion about filtration systems in town buildings. Town hall has not installed a system yet. Scott said he has not had time to spend on marketing but will do more over next few weeks. Amy wants to meet more frequently during November and December. Next meeting will be 16 November.

**Scott moved to adjourn, Amy seconded and everyone voted to approve.**