

# Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee

## Minutes from 19 September, 2012, 9am

### Caucus Hall, Provincetown Town Hall

**Attending: Amy Germain, Laura Ludwig and Lydia Hamnquist**

Amy called the meeting to order at 9am - motion to approve minutes from 22 August meeting by Amy, seconded by Laura and voted unanimously. Street light project going forward. The two pilot locations are on Commercial St. between Ryder & Standish (business district) and on Winthrop St. between Court & Bradford (residential). CLC has chosen the new bulbs, which are manufactured in Canada from Chinese components. Laura wants to know about public opinion on the new lamps and light. CLC will be publishing an online survey to gather public feedback.

Kierin Murphy, a condo co-owner on Court St., joined us with information about discrepancy between BOH and DPW rules about town trash pick-up at 7 or 8 condo complexes. He is also concerned about other owners in his complex not interested in encouraging their renters to recycle. A system of enforcement of BoH needs to be developed.

Amy went to PBG meeting on September 12 and they are interested in helping with business recycling. They requested that our brief survey be put on the web page. Amy or Laura will attend the Chamber of Commerce October meeting as well, to see how the town can help businesses recycle.

Maggie Downey from CLC and CVEC arrived to talk about energy efficiency programs. She explained that the system benefit charge was being collected but although none of it had been distributed on the cape, new language had been added to the system to benefit Cape Light Compact. She also gave us copies of the 3 year plan and how the green communities plan passed in 2008 has changed the governing board of the Cape Light Compact. She encouraged the RREC to hold an "Energy & Recycling Day", perhaps during the Year-Rounder Days, to get more people to take advantage of the incentives offered through CLC.

Brian Carlson and Morgan Clark (Board of Health) arrived to answer a question of Amy's about enforcing recycling in condo complexes where the owners refuse to even provide recycling containers. It was decided to talk to the BOH and the BOS about enforcing recycling and talk about pay per throw.

Lydia said she has distributed the recycling information we worked on over the summer. Mick Rudd printed the information for free.

David Gardner (Ass't. Town Manager) came by to tell us that the VSB has agreed to give \$5,000 to an enterprise fund for solid waste, to help purchase streetside recycling bins. He informed Amy that the Selectmen have been looking into a Pay Per Throw system.

RREC will attend a future Selectmen's meeting to participate in that discussion.

Sharon Lynn (Town Manager) stopped in and provided some PPT background information. The town's contract with SEMASS will see a spike in costs in 2015, so they began talking about PPT in 2008. There was initial uproar about it, but she feels that with education and outreach the switch will be smoother. RREC schedule meeting on October 17.

Laura will speak to Sherry at DPW to learn about the amount/volume of waste vs. recycling the town currently budgets for.

Next meeting October 17 at 9am.

Meeting was adjourned at 11am.