

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee

Minutes from 22 August, 2012, 4pm

Caucus Hall, Provincetown Town Hall

Attending: Amy Germain, Scott Powell, Lydia Hamnquist, Laura Ludwig and David Quinn

Meeting called to order at 4pm and David Quinn introduced himself as the Barnstable County Waste Reduction Coordinator and gave us several kinds of recycling information pamphlets for us to distribute throughout town. The county created his job in April to coordinate towns' recycling programs. Amy will get us on his mailing list to keep us up-dated on his work. We had a conversation about how to get tourists to recycle and the "pay per throw" program for town residents. Scott is a real estate agent and knows the problem of getting visitors to recycle and Brian Carlson will be working with David about recycling programs with private haulers. Laura Ludwig introduced herself as someone interested in becoming an RREC member and said she has been working on recycling fishing gear. She She also wants to work on funding for waste water and recycling programs. Amy wants to inform residents about money saved by recycling and that pay per throw program will allow Provincetown to be eligible for funds. Lydia has been talking to Cassella about recycling commercial plastic bags but has not been able to get a definite answer about a program. David knows the people she has been speaking with and suggested that keeping the pressure on the company about a plastic bag recycling program might help them get the machinery capable of doing it. Laura wants to have a "green drinks" social for getting commercial vendors interested in recycling. David left at 5pm and we continued with other work.

Amy motioned to accept minutes from last meeting, Scott seconded and the vote was unanimous. Amy motioned to make Lydia a regular member of the RREC, Scott seconded and the vote was unanimous. Amy motioned to make Laura a member of the RREC, Lydia seconded and the vote was unanimous. Amy reminded us that Cape Light Compact will be giving a presentation to the BOS on 27 August and we all agreed that if the lighting is not too glaring, that it is a good idea. Amy will speak about pay per throw program with Brian Carlson, David Gardner, the Finance Committee and the BOS. Scott is working on the composting program. Amy wants the next RREC meeting to be on 19 September at 9am. Amy motioned to adjourn at 5:30, Scott seconded and the vote was unanimous.