

Minutes of the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Meeting held March 8, 2017 in the Department of Community Development Conference Room, 260 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA 02657.

10:03 meeting called to order

Lydia, Tess, Laura, Jen, Eric present

1) Jill Talladay present CARE (Creating a Responsible Environment) for Cape and Islands, Started 5 years ago. Connects visitors with businesses, raises money, grants and engages visitors. CARE is helping fund cigarette butlers with a grant of \$1485.

Laura: if get other \$2500 of funding from KAB, then we get 600 pocket ashtrays (funding from Coke, Keep America Beautiful).

Going to be 14 butlers. Going to be a field trip to decide where they will go. We can only put them on town facilities to start. After we get the program started maybe a media campaign can introduce others. Down the line we can maybe buy more in bulk and have businesses contribute their part.

Eric is leaving (in 4-6 weeks). We should start with Sherry Prada and then work with Tony. Seasonal staff will be dealing with the butlers, but we need to get a volunteer group together to collect butts in case that doesn't work. What we can expect: there probably won't be replacement for awhile and there may not be a liaison from the DPW.

What we need to do: work as a committee to structure the volunteer aspect of it. Eric assumes DPW will pick up responsibilities but Laura wants us to have our own system set up. Beautification committee could be helpful in getting volunteers. They may have changed their name to The Public Space Committee. They collect corks and sell them on eBay to buy trees. Dennis Minsky is in charge. They may have suggestions of how to mount a volunteer brigade.

What is the writing going to be on the butlers? We can choose. "Keep the Harbor Clean"
www.sidewalkbuttlr.com Logos on butlers are currently: town seal and CARE.

Butlers will be received 4-6 weeks after payment, so shooting for having them out the week of April 17th, for Earth Day. Eric: Starting in April, 2 Beautification Committee people will be on. Eric says 60 people on ground in April. Laura will make sure wording is good on Butlers. Eric will be asking Tony if he suspects there will be any problems. The Butlers are eye level and all the same color so should be more noticeable than the towers. Anika from Town Hall would probably love to spearhead the collection. Shipping - collected butts go to Terracycle in NJ.

Jill is sponsoring a May Care for the Cape day. On May 10th in Woods Hole. 1/2 day of service and they go to a different location/non-profit. This year at Nobscott Light. Painting trim, trash removal, making things that collect ticks. We can have something to report on at that time.

2) Year Rounders Festival is Saturday, 3/11/17, 11-4. Laura is printing out a Butler poster and information. Lydia is selling green recycling stickers for the transfer station. Selling bags and giving out recycling brochures.

3) Water bottle filling stations are very successful. There are new ones being installed. On Eric's list MPL restrooms on the exterior of the building. We committed funds. Chamber committed. Eric was earmarking funds for the restrooms for the WBFS. Eric said it's too busy there to put it in too far in season, so he hopes to get that done before he leaves.

Plumbing/electric and unit cost: @ \$5000.

side bar

Chatham: marine debris presentation. Laura moderated panel. SF couple was there and saying SF is working on low-impact. Guy next to her, Chris, said he spent 7 years in CA and has worst recycling state wide. Agricultural inputs overwhelm the recycling plants.

Dennis just implemented plastic bag ban. Falmouth has pay-as-you-throw.

10 out of 15 towns on cape have bag bans. Statewide bag ban is going through legislature. Mil rate for state is 3. Other bill is carbon related and on food service packaging. Industrial composter in Bourne, but they can only take things that are designated compostable.

4) Drain labeling will happen after it gets up to 50 degrees. Two that were put in, one lasted.

Tess left 11am.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, March 21st 10am.

5) Town Meeting: polystyrene and bag mil consideration but we'll see how state-level bills work out.

6) Energy Manager position: Deb A was dismissed. Discussion about putting it on DPW shoulders. Currently there is no manager or CVEC rep.

7) Additional trash and recycling bins around town? Who do we talk to? Need DPW to OK it and as long as we don't impact access to sidewalk.

8) March 25 Mass Green Network Workshop in Worcester. Asked Laura to be on panel about plastic bag legislation, as it is very action-oriented. Problems and Alternatives of plastic bags and they are also having something on polystyrene.

March 27 Framingham: Mass Recycle is doing workshops on state of solid waste and recycling state wide.

Wellfleet is going to try to ban polystyrene at their town meeting in the spring.

Meeting adjourned 11:17am