

RREC meeting 4/12/17, Caucus Hall, Provincetown Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 10:10. Members present: Lydia Hamnquist, Jen Rumpza, Laura Ludwig, Tess Knowles. Staff present: none. General public: Carolyn Clough, Dolphin Fleet

Minutes from 3/21 hadn't been distributed; they will be reviewed at next meeting.

Sidewalk Buttlers:

We did a walk-about with Eric Larsen after the 3/21 meeting and targeted 14-16 locations for the Buttlers. The Buttlers were received last week and are currently stored at the Highway Dept.

Lydia & Laura met with Morgan Clark, Sherry Prada, and Tony Lemme about the Buttlers' installation and collection. Highway Dept (Ray Duarte) will install them, and the recycling crew will collect them each week (Mondays). The butts will be stored at the Highway Dept until they reach critical mass, and then be shipped to Terra Cycle for recycling. The committee is tremendously grateful for the assistance from DPW and Highway Department in getting this off the ground.

Press release: we will include these items -- Green Community status; butts clog the drains; cigarette filters are not biodegradable; move down the drains to the ocean; kill marine life; microplastics; recycling and disposition; single stream makes for clean waste; supplementing the existing collection containers; encourage businesses to get one, offer the program with three options – toss in trash, bring to Hwy Dpt, or send straight to Terra Cycle.

Participating Businesses: we will generate a one-page info flyer for businesses who may want to install a unit. The RREC will be the conduit to help organize a bulk order. We've generated a list of businesses and split them up to distribute flyers. Lydia will talk to the owner of the Beer Garden to see if they could be delivered there for retrieval by participants. We will ask for a response by May 12th so that they can be ordered ASAP.

Lydia reserved the Fire House for April 20-22 to promote bags & buttlers. The flyers will be available there too. Kiehl's (Tess's employer) will host an Earth Day party on the 22nd. We will make sure she has RREC bags to sell.

Laura reported on the whale watch naturalist workshop at the Center for Coastal Studies last weekend. There was great support for "greening" the whale watch vessels, and the Dolphin Fleet has expressed interest in converting from plastic ware to biodegradables.

E-recycling: Lydia has been working w/ Morgan to investigate alternative e-waste recycling options to find a provider that is environmentally responsible. We will take a formal vote at our next meeting to change the vendor.

Composting: Lydia and Tess will attend the next Cape Cod Composting Network meeting at the County office on 4/18.

We would like to be involved w/ the preparation for the 2020 celebration to encourage a Zero-Waste event. We'll get onto one of their agendas; Lydia will talk to Candy at the Chamber about that. Tess suggested we learn more about what a Zero-Waste event takes to prepare, so that we can encourage more of them in town.

Bottle filling stations: Chamber of Commerce gave us \$400 toward a filling station; and Jay Critchley is interested in helping us get more of them installed. Jen will invite him to come to our next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 4/20 at 10am at the Fire House. Agenda items include Green status; solar panels on top of new PD; vote on e-waste vendor; water filling stations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.