

Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee Minutes  
28 June 2017  
Town Hall Caucus Hall

Meeting called to order 9:10am

Members present: Laura Ludwig, Elise Cozzi, Jen Rumpza, Jay Gurewitch; members excused: Lydia Hamnquist, Tess Knowles, Maureen Travis; staff: Tim Famulare, Conservation Agent.

1. Finance committee
2. OCEC Meeting
3. Vote for CVEC rep.
4. Water stations and buttlers

Minutes for June 2 were reviewed - from LH email:

- > Meeting called to order at 9:35. In attendance, Maureen, Jay, Tess and Lydia.
- > - minutes from May 17 approved.
- > - discussion about restaurant composting and switching from plastic to paper straws - Jay recommended that we have small signs for businesses that do this. For example, the 3 x 5 or 5 x 7 sign would read - The Recycling Committee wishes to thank \_\_\_\_\_ for successfully eliminating \_\_\_\_\_. With background art of a smiling whale.
  - Maureen had to leave the meeting at 10.
- > - Jay is willing to be harbor contact for tidal energy. We need to find a fisherman who is willing to go to Long Island to study vertical ocean farming. Perhaps we could go before the Harbor Committee to discuss this.
- > - meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Jen moved to approve and Elise seconded. Laura posited that as none of the present members attended the June 2 meeting, details were incomplete; however, minutes were approved as-is.

Lydia has attended many CVEC meetings in the past as a member of this committee. Elise moved to elect Lydia formally as the Provincetown CVEC rep. Laura seconded and all were in favor. Congratulations Lydia, and thank you.

Tim informed us that Steve Wlodkowski is the new Deputy Director of the DPW. We will add them both to our committee email distribution list and invite him to meetings as the staff liaison. Tim will be the staff liaison at meetings concerning alternative and renewable energy issues and Green Community discussion. The report to the state is two years behind and Tim will be working on that to position the town for future assistance. Reps from Cape Light Compact and DER will be meeting with Tim in July to bring us up to speed.

Jay arrived at 9:30. The petition that we put forward for funding for additional water bottle filling stations and Sidewalk Buttlers has been run by the Finance Committee and has received preliminary approval. Once the budget is approved, we will present it to the BOS for implementation approval.

Rik Ahlberg of the bike committee told Jay that there are additional sources of funding for bottle filling stations along bike trails. Laura will follow up and collaborate with that committee on a proposal.

Lydia has been working closely with the town's plumber to identify the appropriate bottle filling station for installation at Chamber of Commerce. An invoice will be procured by June 30 from the vendor to encumber the funds for installation in July.

Laura reported that the Dolphin Fleet has indicated they would like to replace most or all of their plastics with paper and wood service items. As of now, all their recycling and trash goes to the same trash collection company. Elise will contact the collectors (Roderick, Silva & Nauset Disposal) to see whether they separate the recycling from the trash before disposal, and will check on the state law for separating.

Jay reported out on the Outer Cape Energy Committee. Wellfleet's energy committee is well-informed on alternative energy, and they have organized the OCEC (Orleans, Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown; Eastham will send a rep though they don't have an energy committee). Solarize Mass announced it will be offered again, so OCEC will participate as one entity in "Solarize Mass Plus", an outer-Cape program with a goal of increasing participation to a level 7, engaging businesses, condo associations and residents.

OCEC has requested that Provincetown be the "lead town" on the program. We would need a staff liaison to participate in the regional planning meetings, to review bids and secure best product for all 5 towns. Wellfleet will continue to organize behind the scenes. Jay has agreed to represent businesses on the OCEC. Tim will talk to the folks in Wellfleet to get more info before seeking approval from the town to participate as town staff.

Jay moved that the RREC request to be on the next BOS meeting to inform the town of the opportunity, and then seek approval by the end of July so that OCEC will be able to submit a request for approval from the State by August. Elise seconded and all were in favor.

Once approved, program would start immediately, and must be completed by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Free energy audits would be required. In addition to Solarize Mass, other offerings would include heat pumps (mini-splits) and hot water exchange systems, which may or may not include incentives.

Wind turbines were discussed. There is one location (Gilboa Hill) that might be appropriate spot for one. Current designs are far more efficient and have a smaller footprint than earlier versions. There is also an economic impulse for the town, as many towns make \$250k/yr selling surplus back to the grid. The question is whether the town has maxed out our SRECs (solar renewable energy credit). Tim will check on that.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled FRIDAY June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.