

Minutes of the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee  
16 August 2017  
Town Hall Caucus Room

Meeting called to order 9:02am.

Members present: Laura Ludwig, Lydia Hamnquist, Elise Cozzi, Jay Gurewitsch. Members excused: Tess Knowles, Jen Rumpza, Maureen Travis. Staff: Tim Famulare, Conservation Agent, Sherry Prada, DPW.

Agenda:

- Approve 8/2 minutes
- Solarize Plus & OCEC
- Water station at rest rooms at Court Street
- Water station signage
- Buttlers

Minutes - Elise moved to approve the minutes from 8/2. Jay seconded and all were in favor.

Solarize Plus - Tim spoke w/ Elizabeth Longblood at Clean Energy Center (CEC). She clarified that each town involved in the OCEC is eligible for the \$5000 stipend, not just the "lead" town. Tim is putting together an outline of responsibilities broken down between staff and volunteers to present to the BoS at their 8/28 meeting. It is important for Provincetown to approve participation as soon as possible to move ahead w/ the program. Truro, Eastham, Wellfleet, Orleans have all engaged already.

Bottle filling stations – Sherry researched the history of payments for the BFS at the bus station. It was paid for out of the RREC 2017 budget; balance for installation labor will be paid for out of our Gift Fund (approx. \$590). Sherry is facilitating that on our behalf.

A new BFS has been ordered and will be paid for out of our FY18 budget. Meantime, Sherry will help us determine the process to increase our budget as we had hoped to, for purchase and installation of several more BFS and Sidewalk Buttlers.

Lydia talked to Tony & Radu about signage. The VSB is supportive of the BFS initiative and would like us to put together graphic and sign options for various signs; the universal symbol (stick figure filling a bottle). Sherry said that the metal signs are \$80 each (pole and sign) or \$20 (just sign) at DPW. We will start with one for each of the two outdoor stations in place (Bus stop, East end playground) and the one on order (Court St.).

Discussion ensued regarding the location of public restrooms in town, and coordinating installation of BFS at each location.

Sidewalk Buttlers update – Sherry reported that the Buildings & Grounds folks tried swapping out the padlocks (which were not weather-proof) with clips, to make collection easier. However, vandals emptied several of the units once the clips were on. DPW has ordered new padlocks for the town units.

Laura has talked with Ann Wood regarding an article in the Banner mapping out their locations and that of the Bottle Filling stations, now that all the units have been installed and/or ordered.

Plastic bag enforcement – Lydia has talked to the town code enforcement officer about offenders. He has been following up with vendors. The Banner article could remind businesses of the bag bylaw and that enforcement will be taking place as per the bylaw.

Lydia will talk to Rachel at B Exclusive to reach out to Andrea Tasha about revising the great logo she made for us so that it says “Say Yes to Oceans; No to Plastic” and then incorporating that logo in the “carrot” kudos to businesses that comply with the bag bylaw.

Provincetown 400 – We hope that the planning for this celebration will include zero-waste initiatives. Jay will talk to Lisa Jeffries regarding recycling, reducing, climate change, etc.

CVEC – Lydia is still attending these meetings as the official town rep. She caught up with Liz Argo recently, and there is a possibility that the Cape will be moving away from Eversource.

Provincetown Part-time Resident Taxpayer Association – The group is meeting up at CCS to hear about harbor initiatives today. Laura suggested that the RREC engage this group to review our initiatives including Solarize Plus. She will get a contact name for Jay to follow up with.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled WEDNESDAY August 30 at 9:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.