

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Minutes
30 August 2017
Town Hall Caucus Room
Provincetown, MA

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

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

Agenda:

- Approve 8/16 minutes
- Solarize Plus & OCEC
- Water station signage
- Plastic bag enforcement
- DPW/staff update
- New Business

Laura asked about excused vs. unexcused absences. Lydia will talk to Morgan and disseminate information to all committee members for clarification of how committee members should respond to the chair regarding meeting announcements.

Minutes - Elise moved to approve the minutes from 8/16. Laura amended the minutes to reflect more accurate pricing of signage at DPW. Lydia seconded as amended and all were in favor.

Solarize Plus - Tim and Jay went before the BOS on 8/28 and received approval for Provincetown's participation in the Outer Cape Energy Committee program. As the solar coach Jay will follow up with the necessary details – signatures, committee signatures for support and approval, etc. The marketing plan will be generated thru the OCEC. Jay has spoken to the chair of the Ptown Parttime Residents Taxpayers Assoc. and they are very interested in participating. Here in town, outreach will be through the Chamber, PBG, the town's mailings to residents (tax bill), and public meetings. Laura suggested that we use the public space at the Center for Coastal Studies and offer regular meetings.

A template poster/flyer will be generated by the OCEC for use throughout the outer Cape. We will identify a schedule of public informational meetings to offer here in town. We can also send out preliminary info on our Facebook page and the Community Space page.

Bottle filling stations – Sherry is working w/ Annie Howard and Ray Duarte regarding signage at the existing and upcoming stations. Signs will feature a universal logo for bottle filling stations, and our wheel logo (which we hope to redesign sans the word “bags”).

Elise mentioned the fact that Flyer’s Boat Yard at 131A Commercial agreed to provide public restrooms in their 2006 expansion, but have not made that known generally. Sherry suspects it may have had to do with hookup to the sewer – she will look into that, and if it’s the case the DPW will post public signage there.

Bag Bylaw Enforcement – Lydia has tried to reach out to Nicolai (codes agent) to encourage compliance but has not had luck contacting him. Instead of Lydia trying to pursue it, Laura suggested that the staff liaison look into it on our behalf. Jay suggested that bag enforcement be included on the store inspection checklist. Sherry will find out where it stands.

Provincetown 400 – Jay has talked to Lisa Jeffries regarding recycling, reducing, climate change, etc. Lisa will invite a member of our committee to attend their upcoming meetings.

We discussed information dissemination and the waste of paper in mailings, meeting materials, and other communication by town staff and/or committees. Sherry said that the planning and water/sewer meetings do not print materials unless requested. Lydia will ask Elizabeth Verde to send a request to all committee heads to only print materials upon request.

DPW Update –

Carnival cleanup – PBG asked DPW if additional cost was incurred to clean up after the parade due to Tito’s Vodka float using mylar confetti; DPW did not need additional funds because their cleanup was already very thorough. The letter sent by this committee to PBG has gone unanswered.

Sherry met with Josee and reviewed our budget, which for FY18 is \$4750. FY19 budget will be facilitated by Sherry. We will provide details to justify our request for additional funds for bottle filling stations and cigarette collection units. We would like to install new Buttlers at every park bench.

She said that bills/invoices that we need to have paid must be approved by this committee by formal vote.

Jay moved that this committee approve \$580.50 to pay Outer Cape Plumbing to install the water bottle filling station at the municipal bathrooms, to be paid for out of the gift fund. Lydia seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Jay moved that this committee approve to pay \$2114.98 to Outer Cape Plumbing for the water bottle filling station at the Fire House #2 public restrooms to be paid from the RREC FY18 operating budget. Lydia seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business –

Jay said that there has been discussion on-line about open rain barrels and mosquitos. He would like this committee to promote their safe usage. Compost bins and rain barrels may have state or regional support for residential use. We will ask Tess to check w/ the County Extension office on this item, and include the info in the Banner article.

From here on out we will advertise our RREC meetings as the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 9am.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled WEDNESDAY September 13 at 9:00am.

Elise moved to adjourn. Jay seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:24am.