

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Minutes

27 September 2017

Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall

260 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA

Meeting called to order at 9am.

Members present: Laura Ludwig , Tess Knowles, Jen Rumpza, Lydia Hamnquist, Jay Gurewitsch, Elise Cozzi.

Members excused: Maureen Travis.

Staff: Sherry Prada, DPW; Tim Famulare, Conservation Agent; Kari Parcell, Barnstable County Cooperative Extension Agent

Agenda:

1. Approve minutes
2. DPW updates
3. Kari Parcell, Barnstable County Extension
4. OCEC update
5. Buttlers
6. Composting
7. Trash can art

Minutes – Jen moved to approve the minutes from 9/13. Jay seconded and all were in favor.

DPW updates:

- Plastic bag enforcement – Sherry read from an email she received from Aaron Hobart – micrometer may not be calibrated correctly. Needs to be tested for accuracy. It's possible that Aaron will assume the enforcement duty now that Nicolai is gone; Sherry will check on that. Jay will attend a PBG meeting tonight and mention that the town is starting to look at bag enforcement.
- On the town Recycling page Sherry confirmed with IT that they can include language crediting the funding source of bins.
- DEP awards were announced. Provincetown was awarded a RDP grant for \$3600 which paid for recycling totes and a case of recycling stickers, with a balance of \$500+ for additional recycling needs. We will think of best use for those funds and submit it to Sherry, though the funds can be carried over into FY18 (Kari will go into further details during her presentation). Ideas included additional cigarette buttlers, mailing pamphlets or providing FAQ sheets re recycling and solid waste do's and don'ts, trash can art, covers for the recycling barrels, etc.

Cooperative Extension – Kari Parcell presented to us the SMRP Sustainable Materials Recovery7 grants program (reimbursements), and the RDP Recycling Dividends Program (up-

front monies). DEP is supportive of local initiatives and rarely says “no” to ideas. They are flexible in issuing awards, granting extra time to start a program if needed, e.g.

We scored 6 of 14, which is the low end of the scale. Ranking system is changing and we will need to increase our scoring in order to be competitive. Points are assigned based on town population and what programs we offer.

Kari reviewed the various sections of SMRP that are relevant for us – Matress, PAYT, Enforcement Officer, Curbside and Drop-off Recycling/Organics (Composting).

From earlier minutes: There is funding potentially thru MA DEP for townwide curbside compost and/or recycling collection (\$20/cart, max \$100k via reimbursement grant). For residents, funds are available for towns to buy certain equipment to enhance diversion and recovery programs (backyard composting, water collection).

We can collaborate with other towns on these initiatives.

Solarize Plus/OCEC –

Buttlers –

New Business –

Trash Can Art –

Next meeting Wednesday October 11 at 9:00am.