

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Minutes
December 6, 2017
Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall
260 Commercial St., Provincetown, Ma

Called to order [9:00am](#)
Present: Lydia, Elise, Jen, Tess and Sherry Prada

SHERRY:

Going to meeting in Truro with Carrie to talk about RDP (Recycling Dividends Program) points. She said we should have one extra point anyway. Will have a better idea of our points and how we can raise them.

Tomorrow going before Josie and D. Panagore re: budgets.

Will email [Friday morning](#) about budget.

Water fountain at MPL has been winterized and removed one at playground

Talked to DPW for town of Dennis re: food composting. Used RDP points and grant money to purchase the totes. Watt's farm comes every other week to pick it up. Showed her food waste composting signage. Also bought 450 kitchen top composter for individuals. Gave them all away. A few were returned because people weren't into it but those went to people who kept them.

How is this program working for you? Not inconvenient. In the summer there might be a little smell issue if it's hot, but nothing hugely problematic. Animal problems? Not been a problem. In winter the farm comes once a month because less food.

Sherry reached out to farms: (there are four in Truro: Mooney, Perry's, DeWitt and Pure Gold.)
Would make sense to get a local farm to participate.

Talked briefly to Ptown DPW, Sherry thinks a couple 64 gallon totes would be do-able.

Jay G arrived [9:21am](#)

Tess: goal is to get more and more to participate.

OCEC—JAY G.

Has t-shirts to give away at public info meeting and Year Rounders' Festival.
Everyone's been trained. Jay has all the info and details to answer questions.

Smart vs. SREC differences: pretty much any installer will not install until end of March or even as late as [June 1](#).

Tariffs are going to be coming on panels which will make them more expensive and harder to get.

SREC [ends June 1](#). Will continue for the ten years that program is. Smart Program will continue. Outer Cape Energy Committee will be putting ads in the Banner each week for 6 months. Also PTV and WOMR. Will check out Dunes Radio too. RFP should be released late this week, early next.

Solar Loan Program is ending this week for everyone regardless of income. It will now be income based. Every program for solar gets maxed out really fast. Anyone below 80% AMI qualifies for subsidy. Calculation involves savings from solar. State covers interest payments until your benefits kick in. New poster coming in. Found photo of old cape cod house with panels. Something to think about: ground mount panels and car port panels.

Next event in Provincetown: [Wed. January 17. 6:30pm](#) at Center for Coastal Studies. By then solar installer will be chosen. Installer should be at the event.

BOS MEETING 11/13

Jay suggested Town buy iPads to save on paper. A select person basically said no, I like my paper. It will be a continuing conversation. There will be some paper regardless as people have to sign agreements. They have started printing double-sided. Jay said he will discuss in person with Cheryl Andrews and Louise Vendan. On-going conversation where we start changing minds. 9 iPads idea is good, but we just need to get people on board. Grants are printed on paper and there are hundreds of reams. Book has been given to the VSB in the past. Jay's goal is to get grant application process on-line.

BUTTLERS

On the budget, so we'll see after Sherry meets.

PROVINCETOWN 400

David Weidner is in charge of the events, so he would be the person to talk to about recycling until there is a committee. Goal: zero-waste event. When the time comes we need to make a statement.

Elise left [at 10:18](#)

Next agenda: need more info about where and what in our recycling is going and what should we put on our flyer. Is there some part of our recycling stream the we could be making money off of.

Lydia: Transfer station may be into separating.

Smart Consumerism: start educating community

For Year Rounders: do's and don'ts.

Goal: to have a new flyer that is more clear and stream-lined for Year Rounders fest

Goal: to have Smart-Consumerism info for Year Rounders Fest

Tess: Modified pay-as-you-throw by having one bin?

Next meeting: Dec. 20, 9am, Caucus Hall

Jay moves to adjourn, Tess 2nd, all in favor [10:33am](#)