

Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee
Minutes - Draft
2 August 2017
Town Hall Caucus Room

Meeting called to order 9:00am.

Members present: Laura Ludwig, Tess Knowles, Lydia Hamnquist, Elise Cozzi, Jay Gurewitsch, Maureen Travis. Members excused: Jen Rumpza. Staff: Tim Famulare, Conservation Agent, Sherry Prada, DPW; David Panagore, Town Manager. David Mead-Fox, Wellfleet Energy Committee; Scott Santos, member of the public and Buildings & Grounds employee

Agenda:

1. Approve minutes
2. David Mead-Fox to discuss Solarize Plus Mass and OCEC
3. Scott Santos, DPW driver, to discuss recycling
4. Buttlers
5. Bottle filling stations

Scott Santos shared his observations regarding contaminated recycling, such as napkins, pizza boxes, food containers with food. He suggested posting signs saying “no food” on the recycling containers. He encouraged the town to consider separating out the glass, which would make the town more money and be more efficient for handling. The committee has begun thinking about offering collection sites at the transfer station for sorted recyclables, in conjunction w/ the existing curbside single-stream collection. He commended the town on its recycling efforts and says he gets a lot of positive feedback from the public.

Tim invited David Panagore, David Gardner and David Mead-Fox to the meeting to review the Outer Cape Energy Committee structure and plan. David M-F distributed a summary of the Solarize Plus Program. He described the effort to combine efforts toward a common goal of increasing installation of photo-voltaic panels and heat pumps. They have put together a 5-town proposal to the Clean Energy Center, the primary state agency encouraging renewables, for the Solarize Plus program. This would educate residents and business owners and connect them w/ the vendors based on the contract that would be negotiated. The long-term benefit is that the towns may continue to work together on other regionally beneficially programs such as composting. There is essentially no cost to the towns; funds are provided by CEC for the small amount of staff time to administer the contract. Through the Solarize Plus program, energy audits are required at the outset of any participation, which in itself is a big benefit to the home or business owner.

David Panagore requested that the OCEC define specific town and volunteer/committee roles so that the administrative burden for the other towns doesn't fall on the lead town (Provincetown). It is important that Provincetown is not held responsible for anything the other towns do or don't do.

Towns would have the option of contracting directly with the selected vendors (one for PVs, one for heat pumps), or having the OCEC negotiate for them. Truro has agreed to

contract with the vendor directly; Eastham and Orleans are working toward that; and Wellfleet will get the town's decision next week.

Jay has volunteered through the OCEC to be the solar coach for both residences and businesses in all 5 towns. The agreement between the towns and the vendors has a 6-month period, and the work would need to happen during that period.

Tim will circulate the sample forms which will be submitted as part of the proposal to the rest of town staff.

Jay made the motion that once the Provincetown staff (Tim, David G.) reaches out to the other towns to ensure we are all on the same page and once it commits to being the "lead town" on the effort, then Jay will help the town draft an MOU to bring in front of the BOS. Lydia seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Sidewalk Buttlers update – they are all installed now and B&G empties them each Monday. Laura will draft a press release about their locations and also on the Bottle Filling stations, the newest of which was installed two weeks ago at the public restrooms near the main parking lot. The business sponsors and grant funders will be thanked as well.

Bottle filling stations -- We need to create signage for the bottle filling stations and fulfill our promise to the funding organization, VSB. Laura has drafted language and will send it to the committee for consideration. Lydia will talk to the town's plumber about the idea of retrofitting the water fountain in front of Town Hall to install a bottle filling component. Laura will submit the funding request directly to the BOS for consideration at their next meeting.

Minutes for July 14 were reviewed - Elise moved to approve and Jay seconded. All were in favor and minutes were approved.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled WEDNESDAY August 16 at 9:00am.
Agenda will include composting, plastic bag bylaw enforcement, Provincetown 400, CVEC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.