

Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee Minutes
Wednesday December 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Present: Tom Jung (Chair), Sue Jungi, Nancy Lockwood

Virtual: Elise Cozzi, Kevin Shellooe

Town of Provincetown: Sherry Prada (DPW)

Guest: Kari Parcell (Barnstable County Recycling Coordinator)

- Tom calls the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- Nancy moved to approve the minutes from October 26, 2022. Sue second. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- The group welcomed new Kevin Shellooe who wants to join the RREC and will fill out the necessary paperwork prior to our next meeting in January.
- Tom reminded folks that we can recycling holiday lights at the transfer station again this year.
- The group welcomed Kari Parcell. She explained how the residential compost programs work in other towns. Truro and Wellfleet already have programs in place. Eastham is in the process of adding a program. Totes (carts) come from Watts Farm. Discussion about sharing transportation costs on the outer cape. Kari informed us that the State is working on a commercial composting program.
- Kari also informed us that there is a moratorium on waste-to-energy programs. Landfill capacity is diminishing. Possibility of transportation via rail.
- Kari mentioned that she is working on hosting a Cape-wide recycling meeting.
- Discussion about our ongoing goals for the year. Tom recommends each member take ownership of at least one:
 - **Install better signage at Transfer Station:** Sue agreed to take ownership of this goal. She will continue to refine the inventory of signs needed.
 - **Distribute recycling magnets:** Elise moved to pay \$111.97 for additional magnets. Sue second. Vote unanimous with Tom abstaining.
 - **Improve municipal trash & recycling barrels:** Nancy agreed to take ownership of painting our existing town recycling barrels blue in the spring. A four-sided blue lid was ordered by DPW and evaluated during the meeting. Elise will continue to research other lids.
 - **Maintain cigarette buttlers:** no specific actions
 - **Add GIS Map layers for eco initiatives:** water bottle filling stations, buttlers, EV charging stations, trash & recycling receptacles, etc.
 - **Use bio-degradable dog poop bags**
 - **Continue Great American Rain Barrel program:** No action until spring. Plan is to distribute barrels in May.
 - **Increase tree planting:** no specific actions discussed.
 - **Support energy-related Town goals:** no specific actions identified
 - **Composting (new goal):** Sherry to contact other towns for input. Plan is to launch in spring of 2023.
 - **Re-visit how our brush is handled (new goal):** Tom to investigate what

Noon's does in Truro. Kari Parcell to possibly advise us at a county level.

- Nancy spoke of a company, Carmyn gas that will come fill your tank (premium gas only). It gives back to the community by investing in solar and EV charging stations. Nancy will continue to pursue. Sherry to check on permitting.
- Tom reminded the group that as of November 1, 2022, per a new regulation from MassDEP, textiles are no longer allowed in residential trash. Please take textiles to the donation box at near the Swap Shop at the transfer station. Alternatively, usable clothing should be donated to Ruthie's or the UMC.
- Tom informed the group that Take Care Cape Cod is willing to provide signage at all our Town Landings. Sherry to inquire.
- Kevin suggests we give a "town update" at the annual Town Meeting; we will provide our annual report by January 15, 2023, for inclusion in the Town booklet.
- Sue moved to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. Nancy second. Roll call vote unanimous.