

**WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes for March 1, 2022 at 11:01 PM**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting, Recorded**

**Members present:** Nancy Najmi, Christine Shreves, Lydia Vivante, Chris Wisniewski, Jane Sharp, Jaya Karlson, Olivia Kraus.

**Others Present:** Mike Cicale (Wellfleet Transfer Station), Carol Mageneau (Wellfleet Energy & Climate Action Committee), Gary Senecal (Eastham Recycling Committee).

Lydia Vivante called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

**1. UPDATES**

- a) Transfer Station / Recycling Center: Mike Cicale shared the news that there will be an Amnesty Day at the Wellfleet Transfer Station(WTS) on Saturday April 23, 2022, 8 AM - 2 PM. Any vehicle with a current transfer station sticker will be allowed. Mike is making a flyer to post on the WTS website, and he is working on changing the layout and path for cars to follow to make the process move more swiftly. Mike will send Chris W the flyer so she can share it. Mike discussed updates to the WTS website that is being facilitated by Stephen Setteducati which will provide a color-coded map to help visitors navigate the WTS. Olivia suggested that we also put that map on the Recycling Committee website. Mike will send sign-up information to the RC for the virtual Massachusetts Recycling Conference that will be held on March 31, 2022 from 1 PM - 5:30 PM and April 1, 2022 from 8:30 AM - 1 PM. Topics will include food waste, textile ban and mattress ban. The Eastham DPW director will talk about the mattress program to which the Outer Cape towns belong.
- b) Energy & Climate Action Committee: Carol Magenau explained that the Outer Cape Climate Action Committees all meet on a monthly basis. Today they will have a Zoom meeting with State Senator Julian Cyr at 4:30 PM. The Wellfleet Energy & Climate Action Committee recently worked with Wellfleet Select Board member Ryan Curley and Wellfleet Town Administrator Charles Sumner on a warrant article to reserve \$50,000 for matching funds for grants. Lydia asked Carol if they've considered the Barnstable County money that is becoming available to towns as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), but the committee has not yet discussed that.

- c) Annual Calendar notes: Earth Day April 22 - no Beach Clean-Up announced yet. The Harbormaster renewals go out in March so Lydia is creating digital content for boaters and visitors. The next town meeting is scheduled indoors this March.
- d) MassDEP / Barnstable County: No updates.
- e) Public Works Refill Stations progress: Christine S assumes we're waiting for the start of fiscal year 2023 to start before the DPW will install the refill stations.
- f) Recycling Committee (RC) Printed Materials, banners; Library of Things pop-up tent, other equipment: Christine S added a 10 ft x 10 ft canopy tent to the community cutlery and wonders where it will be stored until the new Swap Shop is built. She also put a folding table in the rafters of the WTS storage shed for the library of things. Lydia shared her screen to show us banners that we could take with us when the RC volunteers or sets up water stations for town events. A 3 ft x 4 ft vinyl banner with our logo on it, and @wellfleetrecycles will cost \$30, and we have money to spend in our current budget. Lydia moved to allocate funds for the canopy tent, banners, name tags and aprons. Christine S seconded the motion and the RC voted in favor 7-0.
- g) Swap Shop, new building: Mike Cicale (WTS), Roland Blair (Swap Shop volunteer coordinator), and Wellfleet Building Inspector James Badera met to inspect the Swap Shop recently. The new building is still on their radar, and will include a RC storage area for the library of things, etc. Christine S asked Mike about the DPW survey of WTS that needs to be conducted prior to a new Swap Shop. Mike explained that the WTS has a lot of space so they are looking at a larger plan for the overall site that considers material streams for the future and strategically places the Swap Shop. Christine wondered about a solar panel recycling area as a future need, and Mike said that food waste is their biggest need. They aim to do most cheaply what will yield the biggest return. Lydia mentioned how the UK is getting gold from electronics and Mike responded that the WTS is looking at making e-waste more profitable, but in the meantime our current electronics vendor is dependable.

## **2. WASTE REDUCTION**

- a) Plastic Bottle Ban petitioned article for APRIL 25 Annual Town Meeting: The RC can present the petitioned article to expand the plastic water bottle ban to include other beverages in plastic bottles to the Select Board by

request. Ryan will put the article on the March 8, 2022 agenda, but he says we need to remove plastic nip bottles from our list of bans, and add the term “non-alcoholic” to the beverage bottle ban. Christine S made a motion to add the words “non-alcoholic” to section 49, #2 of the warrant article to read: **2. Sale of Plastic Beverage Non-alcoholic Bottle Ban Effective on May 1, 2023, it shall be unlawful to sell non-alcoholic beverages in plastic bottles of less than 21 oz. Enforcement of this regulation will begin May 1, 2023.** Olivia seconded the motion and RC voted in favor 7-0.

b) Refill Cape Cod outreach: no updates. The Chamber of Commerce has gone to the designer but will try to add the Discovery Map advertisement to its book. Next month we should think about outreach to local businesses.

c) Beach Cleanup Stations, Wellfleet and Truro: Wellfleet DPW director Jay Norton and director of Community Services Suzanne Grout Thomas have approved a pilot program with reusable plastic baskets for citizen beach clean-up to be installed at Mayo Beach. Since then, Suzanne contacted us about more beach cleanup bins along with a request for business sponsors. Peyton Flanagan has already recruited Moby Dick’s Restaurant as a sponsor. Wellfleet resident Jessie Kalelkar emailed the RC offering three free wooden boxes (like those used on Truro beaches with nylon trash pick up bags) which were built by local carpenter Todd Schweble for Wellfleet to use at its beaches. The RC felt that boxes with reusable clean-up bags were easier to use than bulky plastic baskets. The RC wondered if trash barrels would be placed near the clean-up boxes, but Mike said that is a question for the DPW. Christine S will ask Suzanne and Jay about the placement of trash barrels and suggest using boxes and nylon bags. the donated boxes. Lydia remarked that local businesses supported the boxes in Truro. Christine S asked Mike to define marine debris for beach trash pick up. Mike responded marine debris is intended to be zipties, oyster racks, shellfish gear, colored rope. Most beach cleanup goes directly into trash. Chris W reminded Mike to take photos of what constitutes marine debris. Mike noted he needs a sign at the WTS to clarify what does and does not belong in the marine debris area.

d) Bottle Bill Expansion / Universal Redemption law: Mike said there is a Bottle Bill Ban/Expansion in the Massachusetts legislature sponsored by Mass Recycle related to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) idea that producers of products that result in waste need to take care of that waste.

e) Reduce Aquaculture Plastics: No update.

f) Shellfish Advisory Board (SAB) annual beach cleanup will occur in April, but no other details are known.

g) Reusable Containers / Meals on Wheels / Local Kitchens: Meals on Wheels used to be at the Council on Aging (COA) but is now being housed at the Curt Felix building on Route 6. Meals on Wheels delivers 200,000 meals annually from several kitchens throughout the Cape. They used to do 40,000 meals annually in-person before Covid. Lydia will email the nutrition specialist at Elder Services to see if they're considering a change to reusable food containers. Terri Frazier of Mary Ann's Cafe at the COA said that take out meals will end in April, and then only in-person meals will be available.

### 3. OUTREACH MATERIALS

- a) Boaters Guide draft 1: Christine S found a good one-page flyer for environmentally sensitive boat cleaning online. Information to boaters is sent by email so we can suggest links to be added to the emails. Lydia plans to do this ASAP. Boat shrinkwrap recycling went well last year and Mike is having a meeting about boat wrap soon.
- b) Textile Recycling Guide distribution: We have a free email blast from the Chamber of Commerce which we can use for the textile recycling poster as well as boater information.
- c) Provincetown Independent ad / item draft 1: Store leftovers in a ceramic or glass bowl with a saucer on top instead of in plastic tubs / wrapping..
- d) Website and Social Media posts: Chris W has posted a lot on Instagram including information about balloons, France's ban on wrappers for fruits and vegetables and has noticed our efforts getting greater traction and her posts getting a lot of supportive comments. Olivia wants to know when to put information about the beverage bottle ban on our website.
- e) Chamber of Commerce guide / website: The Discovery map with water refill stations may be added.
- f) Discovery Map 2022 look for ReFill Cape Cod ad
- g) Compost in the news: No updates.

**February 1, 2022 Minutes:** Olivia made a motion to approve the RC minutes from February 1, 2022 and Jane seconded. All approved 7-0.

**February 15, 2022 Minutes:** Jane made a motion to approve the RC minutes from February 15, 2022 and Jaya seconded. All approved 7-0.

**Accounting Report:** The RC has about \$1200 in its account.

**Future Actions:** Chris W will take photos of the items in Community Cutlery some time after mid-March. Olivia is available the week of March 21, 2022 as we attempt to create an online catalog of items.

**Committee vacancies:** two alternates - Reach out to Peyton Flanagan and Jesse to see if they are interested in being alternates on the Recycling Committee.

Jaya made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy seconded and all approved 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.

**Next meeting April 5, 2022**