

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Minutes for June 7, 2022 at 11:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Recorded

Members present: Christine Shreves, Nancy Najmi, Lydia Vivante, Olivia Kraus.

Others Present: Carol Magenau(Wellfleet Energy & Climate Action Committee), Kari Parcell (MassDEP/ Barnstable County), Marcia Sexton (Interested Wellfleet Citizen), Jude Ahern (Candidate for Select Board)

Christine Shreves called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Announcements:

- Marcia Sexton is interested in seeing what's going on with the Recycling Committee and will be listening in today.

UPDATES

a. Transfer Station / Recycling Center: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) days are happening in Truro on 8/6/22 and in Provincetown on 10/1/22.

Mike Cicale emailed the following updates:

- Boat Shrink wrap recycling ends on June 30th.
- The TS will be closed on Juneteenth
- Leaf compost is available for pick-up
- For anyone who missed HHW day, the next one is Aug 6th in Truro.
- The TS will be closed Monday July 4th

b. Energy & Climate Action Committee liaison: Carol Magenau had no updates.

c. Annual Calendar notes: Christine S noted the Wellfleet Historical Society and Museum (WHS&M) has its Strawberry Festival in June. Lydia noted the road race is July 10th - we'll hand out canned water and cupped water. Olivia, Nancy, Lydia and Christine S volunteered to help with this. Christine S said we have a 10 liter and 15 liter Fusti water containers, Olivia noted that a trash barrel set up beyond the water tables will be helpful for runners tossing cups. Sustainable Practice and Care for the Cape and Island can help out. The annual July 4th Wellfleet Parade is happening this year on Monday July 4, 2022.

d. MassDEP/BarnstableCounty: Kari characterized the Barnstable County Feasibility Study- Joint Base Cape Cod is optimistic and open to: partnering with the county, investigating a rail head for transportation, and for incorporating a municipal waste and a composting facility. They are looking to Wellfleet for information about waste stream costs, vendors, etc. The Boat Shrink

Wrap program went well and Kari thanked us for advertising this. Amricorps has a program the week of July 11 in which the volunteers will provide quality assurance for the shrink wrap (to remove wood etc), before being transported to Brockton. The wrap will stay in North America and be turned into garbage bags - plastic into more plastic. Latex paint recycling is scheduled for Aug 6, 2022 at the Tony Kent Arena in Dennis, MA, 9AM-12PM and is free to Cape residents. Latex paint can be dropped off anytime at the Wellfleet TS Shed and that paint goes to join the Dennis Recycling Paint.

e. Public Works Refill Stations (DPW budget item): We will be voting on the \$20,000 for budgeting water refill stations and the engineering study has been postponed for the September town meeting. Lydia will investigate whether municipalities are eligible for microgrants to fund these refill stations sooner.

f. RC Printed Materials: Lydia showed the RC banners, which have grommets. There is also a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle banner with our logo. We'll use these at the June 1, 2022 Town Meeting and at the annual road race water stations. Christine S sent the invoice into the town and will reimburse Lydia soon.

g. Swap Shop, new building (DPW engr. study item): Postponed until September Town Meeting.

2. WASTE REDUCTION

a. Plastic Bottle Ban article September STM, outreach: Christine S is not comfortable promoting the new version of the Plastic Bottle Ban amendment which bans single serve carbonated beverages in plastic bottles less than 21 ounces. This is non-alcoholic beverages only. Still water less than a gallon in plastic is still banned. Some towns in Martha's Vineyard specifically target soda bottles only. While the ban doesn't include juice, sports drinks and nips, at least it eliminates some single-use plastic bottles. Do we want to do outreach now? Mention that it will be on the ballot in September? Christine S suggested we create an informational flyer that we distribute to the Marketplace and Cumberland Farms, Blackfish Convenient Store, the Liquor stores. Lydia suggests we look at what the stores are carrying already. Nancy will do the town liquor store, Cumberland liquor store, South Wellfleet liquor store, Lydia Marketplace, Christine S will check Cumbys and gas stations. Olivia will take a stab at creating the flyer. Christine S will send her the previous info flyers for reference. Lydia said all members of the Chamber can put some info on their page. Christine S noted that we still have a credit for the Chamber to do an email blast. We can share this info via email before the next meeting.

b. Refill Cape Cod outreach (DiscoveryMap, Decals): Jack's boat rental will provide water and would like a decal. Sticker You (Chris W used this in prior years) provided an estimate for about

\$100 for 100 decals. If other towns want some for their refill stations we can provide them (Ptown, National Seashore, Eastham, Orleans,). We can put this on the Chamber website to let businesses know if they allow people to refill water bottles they will get a decal. Christine S will order them.

Every July 4 race we have a tough time with the food grade hoses that cross the street. There are hose covers that protect hoses from vehicles. Christine S thinks they are only about \$100. Lydia moves we buy these drinking water hose protectors after we check with DPW if they want to buy them.

Jude Ahern joined the meeting and introduced herself as candidate for the Wellfleet Select Board.

c. Fox Island parking lot marine trash: Olivia noted that well-meaning people pick up trash and leave it at the Fox Island parking lot at the end of King Philip Rd, and then others come by and assume that it is a trash pile and leave it. Olivia wonders if we need a carry-in carry-out sign, and add info about depositing marine debris at the TS. Christine S said we should check with the Conservation Trust and DPW before adding info to the sign. Olivia said there is a commercial shellfish sign, and will ask Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta on behalf of the committee about adding a trash sign. DPW has a sign-making machine. When Olivia takes the trash away she fears she is reinforcing the behavior.

d. Bottle Bill Expansion/Universal Redemption law: Massachusetts representative Elijah Booker is sponsoring an expanded bottle bill and trying to move away from all plastic and glass. Lydia wonders if we want to have him attend one of our meetings for a Q&A. Olivia wonders if there are any refilling initiatives. Currently our liquor stores don't need to accept returned bottles and cans (even brands that they sell).

e. Reduce Aquaculture Plastics: No update

f. Reusable Containers / Meals on Wheels / Local Kitchens: Lockdown Seafood Cartel uses plastic freezer bags, and they wondered if they could use other containers. We need to look into paper fish wrap to see what the liner is. BPI researches compostable tableware and containers have a list of approved BPA free materials. Lydia thinks Mac's is using an unbleached paper for their wrap.

3. OUTREACH MATERIALS

a. Farmer's Market table: The Farmer's Market is willing to allow the RC to set up a table at the entry to the Market with information about recycling, beach cleanup program, volunteer

sign-ups, Smart guide, tips for composting etc., We need to give them one week advance notice. We'll collect info for dos and don'ts regarding recycling and composting. We'll use a box with dividers for a sandbox type display.

b. Boaters Guide & Textile Recycling Guide, distribution: Distribute these at Farmers Market.

c. Provincetown Independent Ad (shrink wrap running): \$145 for running ad in Independent for 5 weeks. Christine S just submitted the invoice.

d. Website and Social Media posts: Christine S asked Rebekah to fix some things on the town's RC website including adding the link to wellfleetrecycles.org. Chris W is regularly posting tips on Instagram.

e. Chamber of Commerce guide/website: Christine S will bring our new tent and a banner to the Town Meeting and she sent Naomi the "Library of Things" photos and descriptions. We need to figure out how to store and present things for checking out.

MINUTES: Christine S moved to approve the Wellfleet Recycling Committee minutes from May 3, 2022. Olivia seconded, and all approved 4-0.

ACCOUNTING REPORT: Christine S will send out the report. We have \$700 left in our operating expenses account after purchasing the tent, banners, and a 10 liter fusti. We will buy the decals and hose coverings.

Lydia moves we buy those things, Christine S seconded, all in favor 4-0.

TERMS ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2022 AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES: Jaya plans to renew her term, but Jane is considering stepping down. Two alternate positions are unfilled.

FUTURE CONCERNS: We'll coordinate on the Wellfleet Farmer's Market by email.

Meeting was adjourned 11:55AM

Next meeting July 5, 2022