

**WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes for November 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting, Recorded**

**Members present:** Lydia Vivante, Christine Shreves, Jaya Karlson, Olivia Kraus, Nancy Najmi (Nancy couldn't log onto zoom until 11:12).

Christine Shreves called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

**1) UPDATES**

- a. Transfer Station/Recycling Center:** No update
- b. Energy & Climate Action Committee liaison:** No update
- c. MassDEP/Barnstable County:** No update
- d. Community Cutlery/Library of Things:** Christine and Lydia have been organizing the items stored at the library, and coordinating the photo archive of items with the library.
- e. Eastham Recycling Committee, Provincetown Independent column:** Lee Bartell of the Eastham Recycling Committee (RC) said that the next recycling blurb in the Provincetown Independent Classified section will be about 49 words long. The newest sign on the Eastham Transfer Station (TS) bulletin board presents the difference between cardboard and box board. The Eastham RC is interested in learning what percentage of residents bring their waste to the Transfer Station vs using a trash pick-up service. Lydia suggested the number of TS stickers sold may provide some information, but Lee noted that many people pay \$10 to enter the TS without a sticker. Olivia volunteered to write a November blurb for the November Classified section about composting Thanksgiving food waste.
- f. State Bottle Bill Expansion:** Lydia heard from Massachusetts State House representative Sarah Peake's office that fellow representative Marjorie Decker of Cambridge/Somerville will be working on the bottle bill expansion. There are very few bottle/can redemption centers on the Outer Cape. What is the estimated handling fee for a \$0.10 deposit bottle? Does the redemption center ensure a more effective recycling of those beverage bottles and cans? Is there an environmental benefit to redeeming bottles/cans at the redemption center vs recycling at the TS? Any possibility of bringing the redemption section back to the TS? Coca Cola plans to increase reusable bottles to 25% by 2030.
- g. Report on 10/1 Road Race and 10/10 CoastSweep:** Weather was good for the Road Race and the Coastsweep. Lydia, Christine and Nancy helped with water at the Road Race. Olivia picked up the area around Fox Island Conservation area, Lydia picked up near the gut, Christine picked up near Great Island and Nancy picked up near Duck Harbor.

## **2) CALENDAR NOTES**

### **a. Boomerang Bags sewing bee dates: NOV 19, DEC 17**

**Wellfleet Library, 2 to 5PM:** The October 29 bee was fun.

**b. Holiday Recycling Guide:** Last year's guide will be updated with the plastic water bottle ban that was passed at the September, 2022 meeting.

**c. Write Annual Town Report, due 2/1/23:** Christine will write the report then send it to Lydia for review.

**d. Discovery Maps deadline:** Contact Lisa to see if she's willing to put the water stations on the Discovery Maps for next summer. If so, we need to make a commitment to distribute water refill decals.

## **3) OUTREACH:**

**a. Plastic Bottle Ban Bylaw, businesses/community dinners:** We need to provide business and community groups information with plastic water bottle alternatives, and greener food packaging ideas. The Adams Masonic Lodge used plastic single use water bottles for their summer lobster roll dinners. They felt it would be tough to have a water refill station. Cans of seltzer water was another alternative. Take-out boxes were donated to the lodge for the dinners, but the price of canned water was too high for them to switch. The RC needs to provide a small card with costs of different drink options that will be allowed with the town plastic bottle bans. In the early spring we need to discuss our outreach to restaurants and community dinner providers.

**b. Flour sack RC towels order:** No updates

### **c. Educational info distribution: RecycleSmart cards, Green Tips, Boaters & Textile**

**Recycling guides, Community Cutlery catalog:** We will continue to update and provide these resources. We'll check if the Adult Community Center (ACC) and the library newsletter will include any of these guides, or our Instagram posts.

**d. Website and Social Media posts:** No updates. Forward any info for Instagram to Chris W.

**e. Chamber of Commerce newsletter/email blast/Visitor Center rack cards:** We don't get a lot through our membership in the Chamber of Commerce and we still have a free email blast that we can use. We will see if we can provide our Instagrams to the Chamber for inclusion in their newsletters.

## **4) WASTE REDUCTION**

### **a. Refill Stations, Swap Shop, no FY23 DPW funding**

**Community Preservation Funds request, due Oct 17**

**CARE for the Cape & Islands grant request, late Fall:** \$20,000 for the DPW to install the water refill stations at Town Hall and the Harbor will be in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget (July 2023), if

approved at the June, 2023 Town Meeting. We didn't apply for Community Preservation Funds (deadline was October 17, 2022).

**b. Carry In Carry Out signs:** One of the Carry In/Carry Out signs at Fox Island was pulled out, so Olivia replaced it. There is a need for such signage at Great Island, but we will need to go through the National Park Service.

**c. Refill Cape Cod, Eastham installations (6):** Christine took photos of the Eastham water refill stations to send to the Town SelectBoard and/or Town Administrator.

**d. Reduce Aquaculture Plastics:** Olivia has been finding a lot of aquaculture bungee balls which are not better than the disposed plastic zip ties as the elastic bungees degrade into the environment. Lydia suggests dropping the bungees off to Nancy Civetta to illustrate the problem with aquaculture pollution.

**e. Reusable Food Containers pilot:** Recircable.com is a new program for providing reusable containers.

**MINUTES:** Christine made a motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2022. Olivia seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

**ACCOUNTING REPORT/EXPENSES:** We have spent and applied for reimbursement of \$600 of our \$1500 budget, with \$900 remaining.

**VACANCIES** 1 regular, 2 alternates

**Next meeting:** DECEMBER 6, 2022

Meeting Adjourned at 12:13 PM.