

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Minutes for March 7, 2023 at 11:00 AM
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Recorded

Present: Christine Shreves, Olivia Kraus, Nancy Najmi, Lydia Vivante, Jaya Karlson, Chris Wisniewski.

Lydia Vivante called the meeting to order at 11:05.

Others Present: Mark Howard and Erika Smith (Massachusetts Oyster Project), Kari Parcell (MassDEP/Barnstable County)

Christine called to order at 11:00

Christine, Olivia, Lydia, Carol, Kari, Nancy Mike Cicale, chris W, Jaya

Lydia - AIM thrift shop opening 10-1 this friday March 10, will be open on weekends from here on.

Rhianna Hasting Nauset PTO will send info sheet to volunteers a week before adulting event. Nancy and Sharon Rule Agger will have boomerang bag kits. Bring our own table. Justin Petronis of TS whose son is at Nauset will

How to recycle will be Nancyu's focus. Main idea for kids leaving home for college or on their own. Urban, suburban, college recycling. Compost drop off centers around cities. Put those tips on a poster, or make a handout. Nancy will make a handout for general recycling info. One textile flyer for display with tips for recycling textile. Flyers for plastic bans.

Christine has poster board from previous town meetings. Christine will take care of printed material, recycling cards and brochure that Lydia has worked on.

Adulting 101

1) UPDATES & NEWS

a. Transfer Station/Recycling Center news - Nauset High School "Adulting 101" table (3/16): two containers for food compost at WES pilot has begun. If it works then they will get their own containers and account with Watts, and town will pick up and drop off compost.

Christine happy to see swap shop for \$110000 on the budget. Mike says everything is in planning stage. Building will be next to library drop off hill, and our community cutlery stuff will be stored there too. We may have to promote this for the town meeting.

b. Wellfleet Elementary School Spaghetti Dinner (5/5), reusable tableware, composting, volunteers: Claudia Cote wants to use our plates and cutlery and do food waste composting. We have 54 ceramic plates (51 at the school for an event held last friday). Lydia suggested getting some from Truro. Christine got 13 from swap shop. Maybe put a sign on the swap shop for more plates. Lydia likes idea of borrowing from Truro so we don't have to store lots of dishes. We need 200 plates, we have china plates. Christine prefers stoneware everyday

plates. But we could use china plates to add to pot. Do we suggest a BYO dinnerware in your boomerang bag. Cool idea for future. Good for restaurants etc. We'll need volunteers as time gets closer and will reach out to former RC members. This year napkins will be cloth. Martha Sexton boomerang bags took boomerang fabric to make napkins for spaghetti dinner.

Volunteers needed to roll silverware in napkins.

c. Energy & Climate Action Committee liaison: Carol - Thurs Mar 9 there is a presentation on low lying roads project that they got a grant for. 2 PM looking for public input on the roads. In a couple of years the stretch code: green communities automatically get stricter stretch code for energy efficiency. 3-2 vote on select board to approve this. No difference in code for residential community, but there is a difference in code for commercial properties. These codes will become state law in 2024. Ronit Goldstein and eversource customer service contact person spoke to the group about a battery energy storage system bess was installed in ptown.. Function is to provide energy in an emergency to the outer cape north of gross hill power station. Went online in May and has been used twice so far. Wonder if it will be a wise source of electricity in non peak hours. This is the first battery emergency system in country. They are involved in the planning for the Hyannis electric car show coming up. Applied for a technical grant that would enable them to use cape cod commission to create a climate action plan.

Kari Parcell: Library of things and fixit clinic:-Kari is looking for speakers to work with Kathy Murza to create a video for statewide distribution. She is asking if she can send an email to Kathy and us for volunteers to present about library of things. Lydia suggests Griffis of Brewster could speak about boomerang bags. Wellfleet library of things is the most developed.

Kari put together colored chart where towns are missing rdp points. If your town isn't highlighted under a certain category, then you have an opportunity to earn those points. It will help communities understand the verbage around the rdp points. This is a visual chart that might help DEP adapt the language in the points. Hopes DEP will understand why all of cape cod is missing out on certain categories.

2) OUTREACH

a. Carry In Carry Out signs update, Olivia: Olivia will go next week to check out possible posts where a sign can be added.

b. Food Rescue planning, Lydia: spoke with andrea marcazely who is putting together a survey for businesses. Food pantry added something in terms of food rescue. They get too much bread from stop and shop so martha is bringing some excess to the library for people to take.

c. Plastic Beverage Bottle Ban bylaw, effective May 1, 2023: Lydia did a lot of work on the flyer that will go out with the health and conservation department letter, along with a resources page. Shall we use our email blast to send out these flyers and other social media. Newsletter and social media is a good idea. Maybe RC can sponsor one of the chamber after hours to get word out.

- d. Health & Conservation Dept. letter, educational one-page: Merediths will send this out in about a week.
- e. Wellfleet Recycling Guide, Local Visitor Guide, Lydia worked on a new brochure with ways to divert waste. Adding finishing touches like info for visitors that they can bring compost and recyclables to the recycling plaza for free. Swap shop, brush pile, trash area require stickers or fee. Should we distribute this to realtors? Most rentals have a waste service with its own rules.
- f. Buying Guide for Compostable Food Serviceware, Christine & Nancy: Christine created a version for our website so you don't have to go through Care for the cape and islands. Not too many changes since summer of 2020. Kathy Fletcher Pres hall (new executive director) interested in compostable products for use at the hall. Chris W suggests this would be a good partnership. They have a dishwasher for smaller functions. Chris W will make the connections. Right now the town Watts family farm doesn't accept compostable service ware. Only industrial scale compost company can take compostable service ware. Dave's greens used to run everything through a chipper shredder and would take compostable ware. He might not have gotten a permit for this.
- g. The Provincetown Independent, community announcement 50-word item: Universal waste announcement went in and on the chamber newsletter. Still no link on chamber website to their newsletters. Next post in April will be about paint, as paint recycling restarts in April.
- h. Social Media posts, Chris has been posting items to keep out of the recycling - brittle plastic, plastic film, sunglasses, she also did a post on France's ban on food waste. Please give Chris W suggestions for Instagram. Mike will send a photo of the no needles sign for Chris to post. No updates for library of things right now since library has been busy with their computer system upgrade. Do we want more mis-matched china dishes? Or do we want to share Truro stuff? New director of events at prez hall doesn't know about library of things as she could refer wedding event for this. Do we partner with this? Facebook appeal for wine glasses, etc.
- i. Website updates, Olivia: Christine will send olivia new info pdfs for olivia to post.
- j. Chamber of Commerce newsletter/email blast, Lydia
- k. Marina, Green boating resources: lyd

3) WASTE REDUCTION

- a. Swap Shop, FY24 replacement bldg. funding in draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- b. Library of Things/Community Cutlery + updates
- c. Refill Stations/Refill Cape Cod, Christine: waiting for harbor master to install water station from 2019, there was some plumbing work done, but the concrete pad was not ada compliant and needs more work. They do want to install them.
- d. Reusable Food Containers, Lydia says 246 uses reusable dinner ware
- e. Takeout Container Survey, Lydia: will find out as restaurants open who might be interested.
- f. Reduce Aquaculture Plastics no update

CALENDAR NOTES

MAR 11, APR 15 Boomerang Bags sewing bees @ Wellfleet Library, 2 to 5PM
 MAR 01 Harbormaster renewal email, send digital green boating resources
 MAR 16 Transfer Station/Recycling Center, Nauset High School "Adulting 101" table

APR 1 Shrink wrap recycling to resume. Will ask people to bring their cleaned up shrink wrap. Guidelines will be posted on TS website, Mike will forward that to Chris W

APR 22 Earth Day

APR 29 Likely date for Transfer Station Amnesty Day, 8AM to 2PM

MAY 05 WES Spaghetti Dinner, CC+ loans & food waste collection

JUN 03 Transfer Station Hazardous Waste Day 9AM to 1PM

TBD Mass Oyster Project / Farmers Market table

TBD Eastham & Wellfleet Recycling Com. Visits to TS/RCs: Interest in visiting Eastham TS to learn where they are making money. Shifting the tin cans into the town scrap metal will make money for town.

REPORTS

MINUTES: christine moves to accept minutes contingent on all checking, jaya seconded, all in favor

ACCOUNTING REPORT: we have 450 in operating budget which must be spent We have additional money in the gift fund that is not designated. We are going to order 200 in crates. The crates are working out very well.

VACANCIES 1 regular, 2 alternates

CORRESPONDENCE:

FUTURE CONCERNS

Next meeting: APRIL 4, 2023