

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Minutes for April 4, 2023
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Recorded

Present: Jaya Karlson, Christine Shreves, Lydia Vivante, Chris Wisniewski

Others Present: Carol Magenau (Wellfleet Energy & Climate Action Committee), Kari Parcell (MassDEP/Barnstable County), Mike Cicale (Wellfleet Transfer Station)

Lydia Vivante started the meeting at 11:20 am, after a 4th member needed for quorum resolved a Zoom login issue.

MassDEP Recycling Dividend Program (RDP), Kari Parcell - MassDEP RDP grant applications will open soon. Kari met with Mike Cicale to go over 3 categories Wellfleet can provide verification for to get 100% of RDP points. Kari mentioned that 3 senior staff are leaving MassDEP soon.

Transfer Station/Recycling Center - Mike reported that the Boat Shrink Wrap collection program started April 1st; this is the 5th year of the program. Per Kari most of the shrink wrap collected is from Wellfleet. Paint Recycling resumed April 1st and continues through October. Mike mentioned that he would like to find artists to paint murals on old roll-off dumpsters. Chris offered to do an Instagram post and will follow up with Mike.

Eastham Recycling and Transfer Station visit - tentative date set for Tuesday April 25th 9:30 am. Lydia will confirm the date with Lee Bartell from the Eastham RC. We'll meet Lee at the entrance to the facility at 9:30 am.

Wellfleet Elementary School (WES) Spaghetti Supper – Zero Waste Event: RC is supplying dinner plates, cutlery, napkins, beverage dispensers and food waste collection. There will be a Raffle and we would like to get something together for the Raffle. Kari kindly offered to provide a \$25 gift certificate from her consignment store "Refashion Chatham". We will pick out a special Boomerang Bag, and we may add bamboo utensils or something else. Christine made a motion to spend up to \$75 on the raffle basket and additional cloth napkins for Community Cutlery. Motion was seconded and approved 4-0.

Energy & Climate Action Committee liaison, Carol Magenau – An Electric Vehicle (EV) show will be held in Hyannis June 3rd from 10 am to noon. See *Recharge Cape Cod EV Test Drive Event* information at www.wellfleetenergyandclimateaction.org.

There will be a Wellfleet Forum on April 13th to explain the Annual Town Meeting warrant article to expand the Stretch Code (energy efficient building code), and other topics.

Spurred by our quorum issue this morning, Carol volunteered to be an alternate on the Wellfleet Recycling Committee. She said that she already attends regularly and supports our mission. We look forward to Carol joining us!

Plastic Beverage Bottle Ban bylaw outreach – no word back from Health & Conservation Agent about a letter to businesses.

Annual Town Meeting outreach – Roland Blair Swap Shop volunteer coordinator, will address any questions about the new Swap Shop budget item in the DPW Capital Budget.

Nauset High School 'Adulting 101' event – Lydia, Nancy, Sharon Rule-Agger (BB Bags), & Justin Pechonis (TS) staffed a DPW/RC table during the 3 lunch periods. Recycling information and Boomerang Bag kits were handed out, and questions answered.

Recycling guides – Lydia will update the recycling brochure for Spring. She will put some brochures at the library.

Community Classified items in Provincetown Independent – Lydia submitted a post on paint recycling, and will submit one on boat shrink wrap for May.

Food Rescue planning – Lydia shared an email update from Andrea Marczely Food Access Coordinator, Barnstable County (Cooperative Extension) with RC members. Andrea is working on a survey.

Social Media posts, Chris – recent posts were on France's ban on edible food waste, Boomerang Bags, UConn's vision of pollinator gardens on highways, wish-cycling, Community Cutlery. Chris is planning posts on Boat Shrink Wrap, Paint recycling, Amnesty Day, & Hazardous Waste.

Library of Things – Some items are in CLAMs, Naomi is working on adding others. Lydia suggested we purchase an electric leaf blower, Chris has a dulcimer to donate, Mike has a guitar amp to donate.

Reusable Food Containers – Jaya reported that the stainless steel to-go containers are quite expensive. Kari suggested reviewing the state contract of preferred vendors, and looking for info on Recycling Works website.

Reduce Aquaculture Plastics/Lobster fishery – Lydia reported that ropeless lobstering can take place in an area otherwise closed to lobster boats during right whale season.

March Meeting minutes approved 4-0, Christine made motion, Jaya seconded.

Accounts – Christine reported Operating Budget balance of \$336.74 (includes pending reimbursement for CC+ Ikea crates)

Lydia concluded the meeting at 12:21 pm.

Next meeting May 2, 2023