

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Minutes for May 2, 2023
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Recorded

Present: Lydia Vivante, Olivia Kraus, Nancy Najmi, Jaya Karlson, Carol Magenau

Others Present: Kari Parcell (MassDEP/Barnstable County), Mike Cicale (Wellfleet Transfer Station), Lee Bartell (Eastham Recycling Committee)

Lydia Vivante called the meeting to order at 11:03 and welcomed new member Carol Magenau to the Committee

Transfer Station/Recycling Center (TS): Mike Cicale reported that Amnesty Day is scheduled for May 13, 2023, from 8-2. Last year Amnesty Day saw a line of cars building up from 7 AM, at times backing up to route 6. In an effort to reduce lines, Mike wants to encourage people to differentiate between recycling that is always free at the TS, and come to Amnesty Day only to dispose of those items that would otherwise be accepted for a fee.

The Wellfleet Elementary School (WES) has a contract with AJ Watts Family Farm to accept their compost (about one tote per month).

The new roll-off truck that the town approved in 2020 arrived last week and the recently approved trailer will help increase cost savings in transporting waste. Mike is looking to contract with a high school student to put a mural on the new truck. He might seek a grant through the Wellfleet Cultural Council to commission a Wellfleet artist. Lydia suggested the Wellfleet Chamber of Commerce since they sponsor the annual art contest for the tourist book.

Carol asked Mike how to recycle cans in the metal recycling area, and he suggested using the bin labeled for screws and lids. Mike plans to get a new container for bulky plastic (near the Swap Shop), and will put the current bin near the plastic recycling area as a repository for tin cans.

Household Hazardous Waste collection will be at the Wellfleet TS on June 3, 2023, 9 - 1.

Eastham Recycling Center Visit: Lee Bartell hosted the Wellfleet RC on a visit which highlighted how Eastham residents separate clear glass from green and brown glass, separate cardboard, white paper and boxboard, and newsprint. Their redemption cans and plastic bottles are collected in a separate area which is sponsored by a local organization. The Eastham Transfer

Station will be redesigned to accept organic waste (as mandated by the state), and will be dug up in order to regulate and improve the groundwater health in the area. Anybody can pay \$10 to access any part of the Eastham TS including their Swap Shop, while in Wellfleet those without a permit can dispose of a bag of trash (\$5 per bag). There is free access to Wellfleet's Recycling Plaza.

Lee commended the Town of Wellfleet's website and is pleased to say that the Eastham website has now improved.

Mass DEP/Barnstable County Update: Kari met with Mike to discuss missed Recycling Dividend Points (RDPs). Wellfleet is nearly complete in all categories, but can work on the private trash hauler regulations. There is a working group consisting of six Cape Cod communities looking at these regulations. Kari explained the importance of continuing to apply for points even if they were not awarded in a previous year. RDP applications close on June 14, 2023.

Wastenot, Inc has a limited storage space for materials from deconstruction. A property that will undergo renovations has an appraiser from Wastenot assess the materials to save flooring and cabinetry when possible. Habitat for Humanity ReStores in Falmouth and Yarmouth then sell some of the rescued materials. Mike noted that he often picks out reusable items from the demo bin. Perhaps the Swap Shop can host some good construction items in the future.

WES Spaghetti Dinner: Kari offered a Chatham ReStore gift certificate which will be paired with a Boomerang Bag for the raffle. The zero-waste dinner will be on May 5, 2023 from 5 to 7:30 PM. Nancy and Lydia will help.

Energy and Climate Action Committee: Carol was glad to see the Stretch Code passed at the Wellfleet Town Meeting. The Electric Car show will be held in Hyannis on June 3, 2023.

Community Cutlery/Library of Things: There are many requests to borrow items: Plates and cutlery for a wedding, cutlery for the Wellfleet Historical Society & Museum (WHS&M) Banana Bash, wine glasses for a private event, 200 plates for the WES spaghetti dinner and a new request from a wedding planner.

The Provincetown Methodist Church Thrift Shop is donating good cutlery, helping us reach our goal of 300 place settings.

Earth Day Event: Kari and Mike helped the Americorps group Cape Cod canal cleanup.

Wellfleet Farmers Market: Each Wednesday, 8-12, from May through October. The Mass Oyster Project would like to share a table with the RC. Lydia emailed the organizers that the RC would like to have a table during the summer months.

Plastic Beverage Bylaw Ban: The updated Wellfleet ban went into effect yesterday (May 1, 2023). The Town website posted the regulations and sent out a clear letter to businesses.

Food Rescue Planning: A survey with a brief window was sent out, and the results are being tabulated now.

Community Classified/Provincetown Independent: The current post is about the boat shrink wrap recycling. Next month we will post about gardening options - soil, manure, ash, wood chips, and Dump Dirt - the free composted leaf/mulch at the TS.

Social Media/RC website: Electric Car Day and Electric Bike Day where owners and dealers offer test rides to interested people will be encouraged on our posts. Wellfleet Select Board member John Wolf recently wondered whether an electric ATV would work for the town in monitoring the shellfish flats.

Lydia added a tip about the boat shrink wrap on the RC website. The Chamber of Commerce has been including the RC tips in their newsletter, but the Adult Community Center has not.

Water Refill Stations: Harbormaster Will Sullivan said they will be installing the water station very soon.

Vacancies: 1 regular member, 1 alternate. Carol Magenau is an alternate, and will be able to vote when it is needed.

Next meeting June 6, 2023

Meeting Adjourned 11:36 AM