

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2020

Wellfleet Library Meeting Room 11 am

Members Present: Lonni Briggs, Jed Foley, Jane Sharp, Christine Shreves, Lydia Vivante

Members Absent: Bethia Brehmer, Jaya Carlson, Chris Wisniewski

Others Present: Mike Cicale (DPW), Brett Plugis (representing Peter Lynch)

Meeting called to order at 11:01 am by Lydia Vivante

1. **Citizen's petition for Commercial Plastic Water Bottle Ban** approved at January 2020 meeting submitted to Town Clerk January 16, 2020, 22 signatures. Discussed outreach efforts to businesses, Chamber of Commerce (blurb in next newsletter), Water Commissioners (get latest water test results), Health/Conservation Agent, Selectboard.
2. **Earth Day 50th Anniversary co-sponsorship for beach cleanup** with Wellfleet Conservation Trust, Shellfish Advisory Board, National Park Service: Jed made motion to approve, Jane seconded motion, approved 5-0. We discussed volunteers for the beach cleanup. Brett suggested contacting Grant Reed, who has been organizing ocean beach cleanups for years.
3. **Residential & Commercial compost update:** Brett Plugis attended to discuss next step with Peter Lynch's commercial composting proposal. Mike brought up the many obstacles to town commercial composting: site, space, permitting, staff, equipment, end market, water supply, pests. Lydia mentioned 2002 Regional Commercial proposal was strongly opposed by neighbors. Suggestions for Peter: (a) talk with Elspeth Hay about her effort to locate a commercial compost site in Eastham, (b) talk to Dave Dewitt about his farm's capacity and licensing progress, (c) start surveying town restaurants about quantity of food scraps/waste generated per week. That information would be critical to evaluate future composting opportunities.
4. **NIPs deposit bill status:** Lydia asked about progress of the current bill.
5. **Wellfleet Balloon Bylaw** goes into effect June 1, 2020. Need to plan outreach, send letter to businesses, caterers, wedding planners, venues, etc.
6. **ReFill water stations status:** Christine will contact Harbormaster about sponsorship plaque for Marina water refill station and installation timeline. Discussed adding local bottle filler locations to Tap app, Chamber of Commerce map, Shellfish license map, Beach permit map. Discussed universal icon or signage to designate bottle refill stations.
7. **SAB aquaculture alternatives** research, no update. Lydia mentioned SAB meetings are 2nd Monday of the month at 6 pm, COA or Library.
8. **Prescription bottle recycling** research: Lydia said that the amber #5 pill bottles have very limited resin acceptance. Alternative packaging is being developed. The Police prescription medication disposal program is collected by a vendor managed by the Drug Enforcement Admin. It is unlikely bottles are collected for recycling.
9. **Mike reported** that: (a) residential composting collection is going very well and diverted 5.63 tons from the waste stream in 2019, (b) Wellfleet trash is no longer being incinerated at COVANTA, New Bedford Waste's facility in Rochester is open & accepting municipal waste, which is currently being bailed and trucked south.
10. **Reviewed proposed FY21 budget** request for \$2,065 (increase of \$1225 over FY20 \$775 budget). Discussed new Swap Shop building, which is not in DPW FY21 Capital budget. Agreed to add \$70,000 for Swap Shop to RC budget request pending discussion with DPW. Motion to approve FY21 \$72,065 budget request made by Christine, seconded by Jed, approved 5-0.
11. **Library of Things meeting** with Library staff postponed until 2/11/20.
12. **Wellfleet RecycleSmart info cards:** 1500 copies are being printed.
13. **Zero Waste Public Service Announcement** "50 ways to reuse today" is almost complete.
14. **Upcoming Boomerang Bag sewing bees** are Thursday 2/6 at 2 pm and Friday 2/28 at 2pm.
15. **Correspondence:** (a) Suzanne Grout-Thomas emailed suggestion about providing baskets at beach entrances to encourage beach litter collection. We briefly discussed suggesting Carry In/Carry Out pilot project for this summer, (b) Harbormaster's office asked about availability of recycling bins and what can be recycled. Lydia provided info.
16. **January 7th meeting minutes:** Jane made the motion to approve, Lonni seconded, approved 5-0.

The meeting was over at 12:17, minutes prepared by Christine Shreves.

Attachments: Proposed budget request

RC FY21 Budget Worksheet

Category	Item	FY21 Budget		FY20 Revenue	FY20 Expenses		FY19 Revenue	FY19 Expenses
Budget Approved				\$ 775.00			\$ 100.00	
Community Cutlery		800						\$ (306.64)
Website fee		65		\$ -				\$ (60.00)
Meetings/Programs		200			\$ (18.00)			\$ (130.00)
Membership dues				\$ -				\$ (125.00)
Printed materials								
	Tax Insert			\$ 375.00				\$ (358.72)
	Recycling Cards			\$ 200.00	\$ (154.00)			\$ (95.00)
	Posters, flyer			\$ 156.00				\$ (37.43)
	Fundraising			\$ 44.00				\$ (44.00)
ReFill Sponsorships							\$ 4,000.00	\$ (2,037.00)
Refill Donations				\$ 1,000.00			\$ 2,280.00	
Outreach, Education		1000						
Other								
Subtotals		\$ 2,065.00		\$ 2,550.00	\$ (172.00)		\$ 6,380.00	\$ (3,193.79)
Balance					\$ 2,378.00			\$ 3,186.21