

AUGUST 4, 2020 -- Wellfleet Recycling Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes

Present: Bethia Brehmer, Jaya Karlson, Jane Sharp (left early), Christine Shreves, Lydia Vivante, Chris Wisniewski; with Mike Cicale, Carol Magenau (Energy & Climate Action Comt), Kari Parcell (MassDEP), Ross Scherma (research intern), Tom Siggia (Shellfish Advisory Board) Karen Strauss (Eastham Conservation Committee)

Absent: Lonni Briggs, Jed Foley (alternate)

Meeting called to order at 11AM (Lydia chaired)

Ross gave an update on Alternatives to plastic aquaculture equipment. Tom plans to identify 4 or 5 growers willing to try out equipment. One, Jim O'Connell has already been using bungee cords instead of disposable cable ties for years. RC requests photo-documentation of alternatives and deliverables. Kari offered to connect interns and SAB with Barnstable County and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute colleagues for possible grants.

Mike has 60 countertop compost collection buckets available at the Transfer Station; first come first served. Next Hazardous Waste Day Provincetown (October). Kari noted possibility of a shared/regional recycled materials baler. Unclear if feasible in Wellfleet due to staff shortages and workload. Mike confirmed that new Swap Shop warrant article moved to Spring 2021 Town Meeting.

Lydia noted that the Truro Recycling Comm. has collected tableware including 100 plates and wine glasses. They are happy to offer it to zero waste events. Truro zero waste wedding tableware collection continues.

Recycling Comm. members voted to recommend Town Meeting warrant Article 23 **Commercial Single-Use Plastic Water Bottle Ban**. Christine moved, Jaya seconded, the motion carried 4 – 0 with 1 abstention (Vivante). Jane Sharp had to leave the meeting before the vote, but she had previously agreed to write a letter to the editor supporting the ban.

Christine noted the Compostable Serviceware Guide is published and available online at CARE for Cape & Islands website. Publicity could include an ad in the Provincetown Independent (\$5 50 words), or connecting with Wellfleet Chamber of Commerce. Several Cape town chambers have posted links to the guide.

Commercial / Residential composting: Christine gave an overview of Black Earth Compost. Their service includes delivery and pick up of food waste receptacles (small, medium, large wheeled carts). They are actively seeking both commercial and residential customers, they need a minimum of 40 customers per town to service that area.

Carol reported that there is currently no plan for zero greenhouse gasses in Nauset HS plan. There is no progress on land court issue regarding capped landfill - solar power launch delay continues. There is a greenhouse gas emission effort among energy committees on the cape - they are discussing an electric vehicle fair. Carol mentioned Seabins to clean up debris from harbors, Falmouth has one.

Fall Tax insert: Lydia noted that DPW has up to \$500 available to the RC, she contacted Jay at the DPW to verify. Lydia proposed a Take Care Cape Cod 3-image option. Chris offered to design insert. Christine made a motion to approve up to \$350 in printing costs, Chris seconded, the motion carried 5-0. Proposed insert must be submitted to town by September 1st for approval of Selectboard.

Social media: Chris will post some RecycleSmart images she found on their website, info about the T.S. compost bins, and the Compostable Guide.

Lydia noted that the nips deposit bill failed in the Mass. legislature

July Minutes were approved 5-0 with date corrections discussed.

Next meeting: SEPT 1st.

Adjourned at 12:45PM

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