

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Minutes for January 5, 2021 at 11:00 am

Virtual Zoom Meeting, Recorded

Members present: Bethia Brehmer, Jaya Carlson, Jane Sharp, Christine Shreves, Lydia Vivante, Chris Wisniewski

Others Present: Michael Cicale, (Transfer Station Foreman), Nancy Najmi (prospective new member) Thomas Siggia (Shellfish Advisory Board)

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am by co-chair Lydia Vivante

1. Nancy Najmi has applied to join the Recycling Committee and was welcomed by all. Her application will be considered at the upcoming Jan 12th Selectboard meeting.
2. Michael provided a Transfer Station/Recycling Center update:
 - Dual Stream recycling resumes January 15
 - ‘No gift wrap’ observed in recycling, messaging worked (LED sign, poster, etc.)
 - Draft of Informational signs on what happens to our recyclables coming soon.
2. Commercial Water Bottle Ban outreach: Christine will contact Sustainable Practices and local recycling committees. Lydia will request a list of businesses from Wellfleet Principal Clerk. Chris offered to design a one-pager to share with area businesses. The ban was approved in 8 towns (Provincetown, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, Brewster, Harwich, Mashpee, & Falmouth) and was postponed to Spring in 3 towns (Dennis, Yarmouth, & Sandwich) [correction: 7 towns].
3. Thomas gave an overview of the Shellfish Advisory Board’s work on plastic pollution in Wellfleet’s shellfish grants. The ‘Pathways to Plastic Reduction in Aquaculture’ report, written by SAB interns Ross Scherma and Zeno Schwebel, was cited as a reference in the recently submitted MassDEP Reduce, Reuse, Repair Micro-Grant. Jane suggests we invite the Provincetown Independent newspaper to cover this project as it developments.
4. Lydia read notes from the RC’s 2020 Annual Town Report (due JAN 29). Chris and Jane added FixIt Clinic 1/11/2020 and Boomerang Bags event 2/6/2020. We will also add the Library’s expanded role in managing the Library of Things / Community Cutlery, as well as regional conferences hosted by CARE for the Cape and Islands, WasteWise, Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection.
5. Updates
 - Energy & Climate Action Committee liaison – no report.
 - Water bottle refill stations – on hold during pandemic.
 - Social Media posts – Chris posted the RC’s holiday recycling tips on Instagram and notes that @wellfleetrecycles has 250 followers. Christine will request that media links be added to the RC’s page on [wellfleetma.org](https://www.wellfleetma.org).
 - Community Cutlery / Library of Things - on hold during pandemic
 - Committee vacancies (two alternates)

Minutes – 12/1/2020 will be read at Feb. meeting.

Accounting Report – pending

Correspondence / Future Agenda Items - Jane noted concerns about microplastics in laundry. Jaya noted clean beach conditions at Chipman’s Cove.

Next meeting: FEB 2, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM

Minutes prepared by Lydia Vivante