

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2019 Wellfleet Library Meeting Room 11 am

Members Present: Jed Foley, Jane Sharp, Christine Shreves, Lydia Vivante, Chris Wisniewski *Members Absent:* Bethia Brehmer, Jaya Carlson, Lonni Briggs

Others Present: Kari Parcell (Barnstable County/MassDEP), Carol Magenau (Energy & Climate Action Committee liaison), Richard Robicheaux

Meeting called to order at 11:06 am.

1. Richard Robicheaux brought an Eco-Products Green Stripe PLA cup and asked why this product couldn't be used in place of petroleum-based plastic cups. We discussed that PLA is not currently compostable on the Cape (no industrial composting facilities) and it is not recyclable and contaminates the petroleum-based plastics recycling stream. Richard was told that it is compostable by Watts Family Farm. Christine said she would research the Green Stripe PLA product.
2. Selectboard member Kathleen Bacon OysterFest issues:
 - a) Main St businesses used plastic cups and some used plastic straws, these should not be used in 2020. We discussed SPAT's ability to control what OysterFest vendors could use (no plastic), but not what businesses used. We discussed plastic bottle reduction bylaw the Recycling Committee is planning to bring to Town Meeting in 2020.
 - b) Reusable stainless steel beer cups made it easier to take beer out of TH lot. Lack of security staff discussed as major issue. Amount of alcohol sales creates public safety issue.
 - c) Discussed status of NIPS deposit bill.
 - d) Apparently Chequessett Chocolate did use plastic dishes.
 - e) Public Safety concerns on future BOS agenda.
3. Spaghetti Dinner: Jed will provide a dozen 5 gallon buckets with lids from his pool business to use for compost collection. Lydia creating a recycling theme gift basket for WES raffle. Lydia, Christine, Lonni to staff dinner waste collection area
4. Community Cutlery/Library of Things: co-Chairs to meet with Library staff on merging CC with new Library of Things program. Need for RC storage discussed, perhaps include in FY2020 budget.
5. Carry In/Carry Out: Ask Dennis about their Summer 2019 pilot program.
6. Marina water station installation delayed until Spring 2020 due to plumbing issue.
7. Nov 2nd Sewing Machine repair report: 3 experts, 10 repairs. Electronic hi-tech machine could not be fixed.
8. January Fixit clinic date to be set, Jed will work with Gabrielle again this year.
9. Instagram posts: Chris asked if okay to create RC Facebook page to post from, rather than using her personal account, approved. Great feedback on OysterFest post. Discussed some ideas for future posts.
10. RecycleSmart info cards: Chris got approval of updates from Mike Cicale. Wait until we get Town RC accounting report before ordering reprint. Lydia suggested a Spring tax insert with new recycling info. Jane priced Notecard reprint: 100 cards/envelopes \$135. Also on hold for accounting report from Town. Other ideas: T-shirts Lydia had priced \$14-\$18 each for good quality. Discussed getting RC logo aprons for us to use at Spaghetti Dinner and other events, possibly sell.
11. Chamber of Commerce membership renewal approved, attendance at Chamber's annual dinner discussed.
12. Carol's Energy Comm. Report: Preliminary grant with Truro for Municipal Vulnerability Program (MA state).
13. Still no Town accounting report available, conversion to new accounting system nearing completion
14. Shellfish Advisory Board October 9th meeting: discussed alternatives to plastic shellfish gear. &
15. Approved September 3rd and October 1st meeting minutes, both 5-0.

Adjourned 12:25 pm