

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Minutes for July 5, 2022 at 11:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Recorded

Members present: Christine Shreves, Nancy Najmi, Lydia Vivante, Olivia Kraus, Chris Wisniewski.

Others Present: Kari Parcell (MassDEP/ Barnstable County)

Lydia called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Announcements:

- Eastham Recycling Committee '*Did you know that?*' proposal: Lydia shared a letter from Lee Bartell of the Eastham Recycling Committee about hosting a weekly column in the Provincetown Independent with recycling tips and information. Lee envisions the four Outer Cape Town's Recycling Committees (Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet and Eastham) each taking one week per month and wanted to know if the Wellfleet Recycling Committee is on board. More details are needed before we commit to this, but the committee supported the idea in general. We need to clarify whether this is a weekly column or a post in the Community Classified section, and whether the column must bear the title, '*Did you know that?*'. Kari pointed out that the individual towns have slight variations in how recycling is handled at their transfer stations, and we need to consider how to handle such discrepancies in the articles. Lydia will get more information from Lee.

UPDATES

a. Transfer Station / Recycling Center: No updates

b. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) days: Truro on 8/6/22 and in Provincetown on 10/1/22.

c. Energy & Climate Action Committee liaison: No updates.

d. MassDEP/BarnstableCounty: Kari worked with Mike Cicale on Barnstable County grants and she commended Mike and the Wellfleet Transfer Station for claiming the highest number of RDP (Recycling Dividends Program) points out of 23 towns in Barnstable County. The points are based on a solid waste survey sent to each town. Programs that actively reduce solid waste disposal increase the points, like the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) bags, mattress recycling, food waste initiatives, etc. The points are weighted by population and attached to a money value, so Wellfleet either earned \$600 or \$1100 per point. Lydia suggested this will be a great Instagram post.

Kari said the new waste ban compliance letter went out to towns. The letter defines what mustn't go into the solid waste stream (textiles, mattresses), and limits of ½ ton of food waste per week. She is looking for the Waste Plans for each town to be on site by November 1, 2022. This information should be incorporated into education and outreach with signage and stickers.

e. Community Cutlery / Library of Things purchases: Christine S said that all the photos and annotations for the items were sent to Naomi who won't have time to do anything with this until the fall. We need to find out how to put this on our website and publicize it.

New items for the Library of Things are: a pop-up tent (which was used by the Wellfleet Historical Society and Museum (WHS&M) for their annual Strawberry Festival), sandbags, utility cart, banners, dish towels and aprons.

f. Annual Calendar notes:

1) ROAD RACE Sunday, JULY 10 (8:30 race start time) - Nancy, Olivia, Christine S will meet at Mayo Beach at 8 AM, Lydia will meet us at 10 AM.

The Bookstore Restaurant said we can use their water again for the race but to be sure that we attach the hose to the cold water, not hot water. The cart will help with the Fusti water container. We will bring the 6 foot table, the tent, umbrella and canned water left over from the June 11, 2022 Town Meeting. Becky Rosenberg (Wellfleet Recreation Department) has boomerang bags made from recycled textiles to give away at the race.

2b) COASTSWEEP Monday, October 10

g. Bottle Bill Expansion questions: We can send our questions to state representative Sarah Peake. Christine S noted that Windmill Liquors in Orleans takes all cans for redemption.

2. WASTE REDUCTION

- a. Carry In Carry Out / Beach Trash signs:** Olivia said that Jay Norton (DPW) earlier said he would print the carry in/carry out signs but he has not been responding to her recent queries. Shellfish Warden Nancy Civetta is very supportive of these efforts, and we all loved the sign that Olivia shared. Kari would like to share the sign with other organizations, and suggested adding wording "take it home". Olivia plans to edit the wording of the sign. Lydia suggested we start with a laminated sign and Christine S suggested Sir Speedy in Orleans.
- b. Beach Cleanup Stations, Pilot:** Lydia will contact Suzanne Thomas Grout (Wellfleet Human Services) about the beach clean-up bag program.
- c. Refill Cape Cod outreach (Discovery Map, Decals):** The Refill Cape Cod decals are in and we have sent one to Jack's Boat Rentals. Christine S suggested we all carry decals with us and offer them to businesses that have water refill stations and then add those businesses to the discovery map if they would like.

- d. **Plastic Bottle Ban article September Special Town Mtg. outreach:** Christine S suggested creating a flyer for publicity that is based on the previous plastic bottle bill flyers. Perhaps we should use our email blast credit from the Chamber of Commerce to spell out the details of the bottle bill expansion.
- e. **Public Works Refill Stations (DPW budget item):** Delayed until the September Town Meeting.
- f. **Swap Shop, new building (DPW engineer study item):** Delayed until the September Town Meeting.
- g. **Reduce Aquaculture Plastics:** No updates.
- h. **Reusable Containers / Meals on Wheels / Local Kitchens:** Lockdown Seafood Cartel uses ziploc-type plastic bags for their fish.

3. OUTREACH MATERIALS

- 1. **Farmers Market table, JULY / AUGUST:** The Recycling Committee will set up an informational table at the Wellfleet Farmers Market on Wednesday July 20, 2022. Lydia will confirm if that date is available. We will have green tips, composting information, recycle smart flyers, etc. We'll have the pop up tent with a sign letting people know it's available to borrow, table, RC banners, etc. Olivia volunteered for the 8-10 shift, and Nancy for the 10-12 shift.
- 2. **Green Tips, Boaters, Textile Recycling Guide, distribution:** Green tips and the textile recycling guide will be available at the RC table at the July 20 Farmers Market.
- 3. **Provincetown Independent community classified continued?** Hold off on the community classified ad until we've learned more about the Outer Cape Recycling Committee column.
- 4. **Website and Social Media posts:** A clambake post was suggested, reminding people to recycle clams in the shell pile at the transfer station (TS), and to compost corn cobs and lobster shells in the food waste bin in the recycling area of the TS.
- 5. **Chamber of Commerce guide/website:** We should all check the Chamber guide and website to see if any recycling, water refilling, or composting initiatives are mentioned.

MINUTES: The June 7, 2022 minutes will be reviewed at our next meeting, along with the July 5, 2022 minutes.

ACCOUNTING REPORT: The new budget is now available. There is \$250 - \$300 of our last year's budget that we did not spend that is now being rolled into the town's free cash account.

TERMS ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2022 AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES: Jane Sharp is away for the summer and we are not certain if she plans to continue with the Recycling Committee. Christine S will email her.

FUTURE CONCERNS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.

Next meeting August 2, 2022