

# Minutes of Wellfleet Recycling Committee 7 May 2019

Present: Bethia Brehmer, Lonni Briggs, Jed Foley, Jaya Karlson, Jane Sharp, Christine Shreves (Co-Chair), Lydia Vivante (Co-Chair),

Observers: Mia Baumgarten (photographer) Harriet Korim, Kari Parcell, Chris Wisniewski (Alternate)

The meeting convened at 11.00am, small meeting room Wellfleet Library

## 1. Municipal By laws and Policies:

- a. Town Meeting Report:  
Unanimous approval of balloon reduction bylaw and plastic bottle reduction policy
- b. Zero waste policy report:  
approved by Selectboard prior to Town Meeting
- c. Ask Selectboard to pass Resolution urging the Commonwealth to place a deposit on water and NIP bottles with the hope this will lead to state wide bans. Jed Foley noted Maine recently banned Styrofoam, citing Wellfleet as a good example.

## 2. Outreach

- a. Recycle Smart Education:  
The Wellfleet Forum will host a meeting on Monday 3 June at COA 7.00pm. Kari Parcell and Mike (Wellfleet DPW) will be the main speakers, with Q and A to follow.  
Chris Wisniewski will modify the RecycleSmartMA two-sided info card for Wellfleet.
- b. Plastics and Producer responsibility:  
Lydia circulated for signature her letter to the Box Lunch, Wellfleet, congratulating the owner on running an Earth Friendly business, with neither plastic nor Styrofoam on the premises. Winslows Tavern is another example.
- c. Public Service announcement update:  
planned filming at Shellfish Advisory Board Beach cleanup May 11
- d. Library Display Case :  
Recycling Guidelines: feature new recycling info card, need by 29 May. Feature ways to be a better recycler.

## 3. Programs 2019:

- a. WES Spaghetti Supper Report:  
Lydia reported that this event went well, Instead of servers, each individual had a tray which made for more efficient cleanup, composting and recycling.
- b. Water bottle refilling stations:  
We have funds (\$6,624 of which \$4k sponsored) to install two stations, each bottle filler costs \$2K to install. one at the Marina and the second at Town Hall.
- c. Fixit Clinics – 3+ earns RDP points:

Some discussions about seeking value rewards for Statewide RDPs (Recycle Dividend Programs), by planning three fixit clinics annually, i.e. two more in addition to the January one. Kari suggested not worth while as Swap Shop in same category as fixit clinics for awards.

Lydia said that Mira (repairs sewing machines and does mending) would be available for an October Fixit Clinic for sewing repair and clothing repairs only.

d. Carry in Carry Out:

Agreed to keep talking and working on coordinating campaign with other Cape Towns, Seashore, state parks etc

e. Oysterfest recycling:

Christine S. said 2018 results were disappointing, hoped to add reusables for beer this year and compost. Best plan might be to serve only canned drinks as easier to recycle. No composting of food waste, problems of space, lack of volunteers, logistics.

Discussed loaning out reusables and finding a place to wash them during the Fest.

4. Chris W. brought up Gimme 5 program at Whole Foods – collection of PP (#5) plastics. That would include containers for dips, dairy, container caps, prescription vials. You bring clean, stamped rigid #5 to store.

Meals on Wheels using #1 black meal trays, which are not recyclable in Wellfleet.

5. Minutes for December 4, 2018, February 11 & 26, 2019 and April 2, 2019 were approved 7-0.

Next meeting June 4, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 12.10 pm

Submitted by Jane Sharp, 29 May 2019