

WELLFLEET RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2019

Wellfleet Library Meeting Room 11 am

Members Present: Bethia Brehmer, Lonni Briggs, Christine Shreves, Lydia Vivante, Chris Wisniewski

Others Present: Kari Parcell (Barnstable County/MassDEP), Suzanna Nickerson (Sustainable Practices)

Meeting called to order at 11:04 am.

1. Announcements:

Library events: Boomerang Bags sewing bee at the Library on June 7th. Jill Talladay from CARE for the Cape & Islands on June 25 to discuss reducing plastic use.

Town Sexual Harassment training - June 6 at COA, 2pm & 5pm.

2. Report on Recycling Forum: Kari and Mike did a great job and meeting was very well attended.

3. Wellfleet Road Race:

- Sustainable Practices (SP) can provide around 10 volunteers to help do extra work to keep runners hydrated. Setup is at 6:30am. Adult race wraps up by around 10:30am. We and the Recreation Dept are extremely grateful for their support.
- S.P.A.T. is loaning Recreation Dept their 125 gal. Water Monster (WM) so we can provide safe drinking water by filling reusable bottles or waxed paper cups with chilled water at the finish line. SPAT is charging \$50 for WM maintenance since they have had problems with damage in the past. Kari requested link to WM website.
- Lydia suggested we purchase a box of "cup corrals" that hold paper cups for filling (WM website, \$250 for box of 12). Discussed whether corral was needed, we will check with Becky Rosenberg. Lydia made a motion to approve Road Race equipment purchases up to \$300. Approved 4-0.
- Sustainable Practices can loan us their self-standing rack that you connect a hose to. It has 8 spiral hose spigots hanging down to dispense water.
- Lydia suggested we use the CommunityCutlery+ market umbrella with stand at the race for Water Monster volunteers, and RC table stored in shed at TS.
- Rec Dept is purchasing Open Water still water aluminum cans for runners only at the finish line in lieu of plastic water bottles.

4. ReFill Water Stations/Rec Department request for water fountain and chiller for bottle filler: Jay at DPW told Becky she could add a water chiller to the existing bottle refill station at Rec. Bldg, but Rec. Dept. would have to pay cost of chiller and hire plumber/electrician to install it, or find a sponsor.

We should plan a meeting with Jay Norton, Asst DPW Director to discuss chiller installation specs & plan for Town Hall water refill station.

5. DPW letter about beach recycling (attachment to these minutes) – no recycling at beaches this year, pilot project discontinued during last summer due to contamination.

Discussed how to promote Carry In/Carry out messaging:

- Beach gatehouse sign
- Handout at beach sticker office
- Suzanne mentioned MVY signs were made by school children
- Dennis announced some beaches will be carry in/carry out only.

6. Outreach / Programs 2019

- RecycleSmart: discussed need for town website updates (old RC pamphlet should be replaced). We will probably need to print more of Chris' info cards also. Check if DPW can help pay.
- Community Cutlery: 120 napkins needed for a wedding in July. Lydia made a motion to purchase 60 more napkins at a cost of \$18/dozen. Approved 4-0. Brigitte from the Yacht Club requested cutlery for 40 for ladies golf luncheon. Lydia suggested we purchase a pop-up tent for Community Cutlery at some point.

- Producer responsibility: Lonni communicated to organic fruit distributor about packaging fruit in unneeded plastic. Chris reported that local restaurants she communicated with last summer about plastic straw campaign are coming to her with questions about plastic alternatives for to go ware. Chris asked if anyone would like to meet as a small group to put together recommendations. Lonni and Christine volunteered.
- Recycling PSA update: Lydia reported filming during beach cleanup did not work out. Filming around Wellfleet will take place soon.
- OysterFest planning: discussed ways to get recycling volunteers, suggestions made to use Facebook sign-up and Instagram to direct volunteers to on-line signup.
- Swap Shop manual updates: add Chris' RecycleSmart info card to manual. Christine to send images to Lonni for manual update.

Treasury Report: \$4013 in water bottle refill station account, \$2611.28 in regular account.

Future: aquaculture plastics in Wellfleet Harbor, Field Trip to Eastham TS/RC.

Next meeting: July 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.