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## **Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee**

**Minutes from 10 December 08, 5:00-6:00pm, Community Center,  
Provincetown**

**Attending:** Mike Leger, Jane Donoghue, Lee Bartell; Connie Black has sent in her resignation, and Ghee Patrick wants to be an Alternate.

**Recycling Market:** We had a long discussion on the fact that the market for recycled goods has declined, though we've not yet heard anything from our picker-upper, IPR.

**Not Heard Anything:** That created another very long discussion about how our committee feels out of the loop. A revised Recycling mailer was recently sent out, and we had zero input, even though our name is on it. We've been told by Sandy at the DPW that recycling has reached its max, and "No more!". Our mesh recycling cans were picked up without our knowledge or warning.

**Recycling is the law:** There's a town by-law, and it's the state law as well. Glass, plastic, tin & aluminum, paper and cardboard are NOT allowed to be put into the trash, rather, they MUST be recycled. It's not happening here, as there are few opportunities to recycle a can or bottle on Commercial St., and business, condos, and more, are not recycling properly. We're going to create a recycling card, similar to our wind turbine survey card, that will clearly, simply, explain what needs to happen to comply with the recycling law. The recycling law needs to be enforced. Here we are, a Recycling Committee, and we're not being allowed to do what needs to happen.

**Our Name:** We began as the Recycling Committee, but very quickly, both the name and the mandate changed to Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee. We ran with it, in both categories, and accomplished an incredible amount of work in a very short time; applied for grants that got recycling containers on Comm. St., 2 years in a row, created the Wind Turbine survey of Jan., 2008, requested site evaluations from the FAA, connected with the Cape Light Compact, the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Mass. Technical Collaborative, and the list goes on and on. Yet, we feel ignored.

**Meeting with Town Manager:** Mike will write a letter to Sharon Lynn, outlining some of this, and ask for a meeting, when possible, to discuss these issues. The lawyers are just about done with all the work that needed to happen to get the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative up and running, so Provincetown's signing on will occur soon.

**Wind Turbine Siting:** Mike showed us aerial views of what a 2-mile radius from the airport looks like. There's a spot, just off Rt. 6, at the "Spaghetti Strip", that's

just outside of the 2-mile circle, that could be a possibility.

**Turbine Building Codes:** There's a Cape-wide meeting in Jan., which David Gardner wants us to attend. More info will follow.

**A success:** Finally, something that we worked for actually happened; all recyclables & trash are now picked up the same day. This is so much more convenient for everyone.

**Cape Light Compact:** Amy has been the Provincetown rep to this organization, but is resigning, so we need to find someone who would like to do it. Write to Amy if you have any questions, [amygermain@aol.com](mailto:amygermain@aol.com)

We adjourned and forgot to approve previous minutes, which we'll have to do next time. Mike will be leaving in Jan. and won't return til April. If we continue to meet, an Agenda will have to be sent to Town Clerk at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Our quota will be met if Jane, Lee, and Amy attend. If we've met with Sharon Lynn by then, then a meeting may be helpful; or conversely, if we've met with her, maybe we don't need our own meeting that month. To be continued.

**Next Meeting: January 7, 2009, 5pm, Community Center**

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