

Present: Pete, John, Michelle, Kimberly, Ania Guests: Sarah Lakeman - NRCM, Melissa - Surfriders, Pete

Approve last meeting's minutes

Minutes were passed unanimously

#### Plastic Bag Discussion

- Polling of between 250-280 people at the polls. Of those a majority were open to a ban. There is also an online poll (Survey Monkey) from which data is still being gathered.
- Reviewed the information from the public forum on plastic bags. It is important to work toward the most comprehensive restriction, and then negotiate for an agreed upon ban/fee. There was also a discussion about where fees would go. There are legal implications to collecting those fees, so it is easiest to pass the fee on to the retailer.
- Russ received an email with concerns surrounding why the ban would be put in place. We could collect a list of concerns as we receive them and craft responses on a Google Doc.
- There is a list of companies that might use plastic bags. There were some questions about if all of these were actually in need of change, including dentists.
- It might be possible to have a borrowing station at some stores. Where people can use a bag on a short term basis on the honor system.
- According to the online survey data thus far 49% say they use reusable bags. 51% say they oppose a ban.
- Now is a good time to get more influencers (popular coaches, ministers, teachers, etc.) on board and convince them to help.
- There was some question about whether our data gathered thus far is biased. We realized that however we collect data, the data collected will be biased.
- When presenting data we should highlight high school group and supporting organizations (NRCM and Surfriders).

#### Energy Plan

We revisited what we had agreed to last meeting. We will plan to add bulleted notes on these things to a folder in Google Drive by the December 2nd meeting.

- Kimberly will address the general progress report, focusing on priorities for future initiatives and an outline of recommended energy policies.
- John will write-up a description of town-wide natural gas options and town energy discussion and the role of offsets.
- Pete will assess the need for guidelines on new installations of alternative energies with support from Kimberly.
- Michelle will work on a report on reducing overall energy consumption through conservation, energy efficiency and alternative energies (review of GRC report), with support from Kimberly.

#### New Member Update

We have three positions are open and four people applying. We will ask the appointments committee to fill those three positions as soon as possible.

#### Falmouth Home Energy Fair

There will be 3 fairs in the region. Falmouth's will be first. We will charge vendors. There will be tours of the building, the architect will not be there to run the tour.