

TRURO RECYCLING COMMITTEE

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Our main charge being public education, we got a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to mail informative postcards to all boxholders, distributed some to motel owners, maintained the on-line Recycling Newsletter adding the posting of our agenda and minutes of meetings, and distributed recycling information to summer visitors through the cooperation of the beach sticker office and the Chamber of Commerce booklet. We also cooperated with the Energy Committee in getting out two issues of a joint newsletter, Truro Tidelines, and in staffing a joint information table at Truro Treasures. The two committees also worked together on a successful participation in the national Step It Up demonstration to urge action on global warming, with a well attended event at Pamet Harbor, including an address by State Rep. Sarah Peake, entertainment, and informational handouts. With the cooperation of the Truro library, we celebrated national Recycling Day in November with a display of relevant books.

Our successful program of cooperating with Provincetown and Wellfleet in having three joint hazardous waste collection days continued, and we established good communication with the new Provincetown Committee on Energy and Recycling, the chair of which attended several meetings.

In conjunction with a state-wide effort by DEP to increase the recycling of paper, we publicized it when possible, recommended to the Town that it buy recycled paper for everyday use, and worked with postmistress Custodi to get the USPS to resume the recycling of junk mail. She brought it to her superiors; finally the policy was changed nationally, and Truro was the first town on the Cape to implement it. At our Transfer Station, we began recycling the coated paper cartons for milk and juices that have screw-topped spouts. The station is now accepting discarded CDs for recycling, as well.

At the committee's suggestion, Cathy Costa made a partly successful effort to collect reusable beach toys and paperbacked books, a "portable Swap Shop," which will be extended this next summer.