

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Minutes of the January 19, 2006 Meeting

Members present: Sarah Choi, Alina Perez-Smith, Russ Pierce, Louise Sullivan and Jeff Van Fleet

Members absent: Rachel Stamieszkin, George Schuman

Alina called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.

We planned on welcoming our new members to the committee, but unfortunately, Rachel was in a car accident this evening, and George did not attend.

Alina reminded everyone of the Town Boards and Commissions Orientation Dinner and Meeting, on Monday January 30th at Pond Cove.

We then held the election of officers for the upcoming year.

On motions duly made and seconded it was voted: To re-elect Alina Perez-Smith, Chair and Sarah Choi, Secretary for 2006.

The committee created a tentative Task Coordinator List to help facilitate our activities throughout the year. The tasks were divided as follows: **Webpage:** Jeff, **RWS Media Liaison:** Louise, **Events (including Family Fun Day, and HHW):** Rachel, **Recycling Center/Swap Shop:** George, **Courier:** Sarah, **Budget:** Russ, **School (including PCPA art event):** Louise & Alina.

Alina will look into the details of our proposed co-sponsorship of an artist for Cape Arts Day.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: To accept the minutes of the December 15, 2005 meeting.

The committee discussed the library public-use bins proposal. Bob says we can use our full budget if needed, since our money will not be used for signs at the Recycling Center. We looked at different styles of recycling bins from Windsor Barrel Works. We decided that we will send a letter from the committee introducing the idea to Jay Scherma, and Louise will talk to Jay casually. We will copy Mike McGovern and Bob Malley when we send the letter.

Louise made suggestions for website updates: create a link to RWS composting section, a link to their "in the news" section, and RWS's HHW information. Jeff will look into their HHW section on RWS's webpage, and look into creating a frequently asked questions section on our page.

Jeff reported that RWS collects old cell phones for recycling, and donates their proceeds to Special Olympics. We decided that we will still ask Cape schools to handle recycling phones and printers at the Swap Shop. If they are not interested, we will approach RWS.

How is the Swap Shop doing with monitors and tvs? We need to ask Bob.

Louise talked with Ted Brown of Hannaford; he wants to talk with someone on February 8th or 9th. Louise and Alina will meet with him.

The committee agreed to change our meeting day of the month to the second Thursday, so Bob can attend more frequently. (We now meet the third Thursday.) Alina will inform Deb Lane at Town Hall.

We discussed ideas for upcoming Courier articles. Sarah will write a short article on 2-stream recycling (reference May 7, 2005 article) for the next issue. Other topics discussed were: packaging, plastic bags, chemicals in lawn care, etc.

Our proposed budget for the next fiscal year is due soon. We will need to talk in depth about our plans for the next year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Public Works at **7 P.M., Thursday, February 9, 2006.**

Respectfully submitted, Sarah K. Choi, Secretary