

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Minutes of the February 9, 2006 Meeting

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

Guests: Bob Malley, Director of Public Works and Pat Anderson, Recycling Center Attendant
Alina called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: To accept the minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting.

The Committee welcomed our new members, Rachel and George.

Louise will write a Courier article introducing Pat to the town.

Russ drew up a draft budget proposal for us to review.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: to accept budget proposal after Russ makes minor edits.

Louise and Alina talked with Jay Scherma separately about the proposed recycling bins. Jay will need to touch base with others to see how the bins would be maintained, work out the details, and talk with the Garden Committee, which has just finished landscaping outside the library. The bins could cost up to \$1800. Bob questioned how they would be maintained. Alina will follow up with Jay. George will explore different recycling bin options.

The Committee discussed reasons why the Town's recycling rate has gone down. Bob told the Committee that our rate has gone up again; there was a dip in November and December.

Donald Knaack, also known as the Junkman, makes musical instruments out of recycled objects. He will put on a concert for Pond Cove kids, and we were asked to cosponsor with the PCPA Art Day.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: to donate \$500 as co-sponsor of the PCPA Art Day.

The Committee discussed having a recycling slogan for the Committee, and for the Town. For example, we could place the slogan on recycled pens and donate them to school kids. Sarah will collect slogan ideas from the Committee.

Louise and Alina will meet with Ted Brown at Hannaford, to discuss funding or partially funding re-useable canvas bags.

Bob will contact Missi at RWS to start the cell phone recycling program. Louise will inform PCPA that we are going with RWS, which donates proceeds of the program to the Special Olympics.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: to make the 4th Thursday of every month our regular meeting day.

The Committee discussed "pay per bag," and if we as a committee should lobby for it to the Town? We could write an article for the Courier that shows towns that switch to "pay per bag" increase their recycling rates. We could focus an article on decreasing tonnage rather than increasing recycling in Silver Bullets, i.e., getting food waste, and cardboard out of the waste stream. If we write an article, make sure to pass it by Bob first.

Jeff is making progress updating the webpage. He has gotten good feedback from the committee, and we should go through the pages again. Perhaps we could advertise the webpage's address on the Recycling Center's marquee?

Sarah will contact Elizabeth Brogan regarding which articles will be running in the next issue. Alina will write one on recycling clothing. Sarah will email Courier article spreadsheet of issue deadlines to the Committee.

Bob reported that the Town is exploring biodiesel fuels (soybean) for the trucks.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Public Works at **7 P.M., Thursday, March 23, 2006.**

Respectfully submitted, Sarah K. Choi, Secretary