

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Minutes of the March 23, 2006 Meeting

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

Members absent: Jeff Van Fleet

Alina called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.

Alina gave the committee notices that Pat hands out at the Recycling Center, entitled: Fact Sheet on Recycling Batteries in Cape Elizabeth, and Proper Paint Disposal in Cape Elizabeth.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: To accept the minutes of the February 9, 2006 meeting.

PCPA Art Day is Wednesday, May 24th in the evening. Alina had a meeting with Kate Ecdal, who was very excited and appreciative of our support. She said PCPA is open to any participation from us. The event will be held in the Cafetorium, which can hold up to 600 people. Advertising will begin mid-April. They will have popcorn. There might be space in the foyer for a recycling table. We could dispense recycling facts for kids, recycling ideas tied to art, recycling t-shirts for kids. We can use our name and logo advertising the event. Rachel and George will look into t-shirt graphics. At the next meeting, we will come up with ideas for the handouts, and make a "fast sign" with our logo to reuse for future events.

Russ presented ways to make pens out of recycled products, perhaps to distribute at our events. The pens come in three different colors, like the pens from RWS, and are under \$1 but we would need to buy 200-300 at a time. The company has a quick turn around. Perhaps we should look into pencils, which would create less waste, and sell or give out in combo with recycling t-shirts.

The library bins were approved by the school business manager, since the school is responsible for them. The bins are contingent on RWS moving to "single stream" recycling, so custodians will not have to worry about sorting. "Single stream" is to be implemented in November. Perhaps we can use next year's budget money for the bins, and have money this year to spend elsewhere. Alina will check with Bob, write an article on it, and put it on the website. George met with Bruce Smith from the Town, who said there are no streetscape ordinances, so there are no restrictions. Perhaps we can have our symbol stamped on the bins, or a small plaque? We should come up with 5-6 options; George and Russ will look into the bins. We will need to present the bins at the Board of Trustees meeting in April; Alina and George will attend.

Perhaps we can make a stamp for Family Fun Day to use on kids' hands? Other ideas: paper making, stamping, and weaving old t-shirts on hand looms. Alina will look into the banner, and price the hand stamps.

Rachel will update the Hazardous Household Waste flyer. She will send it to Bob and the committee, and will submit her article.

Might we have a presence at the Cape Fall Fest (especially if Family Fun Day is in jeopardy)? Rachel will check with Nancy Miles to find out if there are events that we can collaborate with the Garden Club/Cape Land Trust.

Louise brought composting handouts from Chicago, and a food waste handout from Bowdoin College.

Alina will try to start future meeting by presenting recycling numbers from RWS.

We will continue to work on Recycling Committee slogans, and talk about them again next meeting. The most popular so far are: Don't Waste it—Respect it; Slim your bin; Cape Recycles! George will work on graphics.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next two meetings will be at Public Works at 7 P.M., Thursday, April 27, and May 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah K. Choi, Secretary