

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Minutes of the May 18, 2006 Meeting

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

Members absent: George Schuman.

Alina called the meeting to order at 7:16 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 April 27, 2006 meeting.

Alina had emailed to the committee RWS numbers prior to the meeting, and we discussed the trends.

We spoke of having more of a presence at the Recycling Center. Perhaps we can host a composting workshop at the Recycling Center in July or August. Louise will follow up. We should be asking the town questions like: what is keeping you from recycling more; how could our committee help; what complaints do you have about recycling in Cape? Alina will think of questions and email the committee. We should also draw a map of the Recycling Center. Another idea is to make a sign at dump that shows a grid of recycling rates over the year. Jeff will draw up a prototype. We could also have the Courier feature the rate over time.

Alina talked with Bob about HHW. For the next collection, we should stress for people to bring in "reasonable" household quantities. Perhaps we should check for town stickers, and have a table to get new stickers on that date. We will have a separate e-waste collection in fall. Should we sponsor a separate pay collection? We could also suggest when people should arrive at the collection. Another idea was paying for disposal over certain quantity of HHW.

The Junk Man Concert will be on Wed. night. We have the CRC banner, hand stamps, and T-shirts, which we will sell for \$7. Alina will get money for the change box. Sarah, Alina, and Jeff will attend. Sarah will gather books from the library on recycling for kids and adults, and/or a bibliography from one of the librarians to hand-out. Alina will make recycling handouts.

Rachel will follow up with the t-shirt printers regarding totebags.

Family Fun Day (June 17): Louise will get the tarp; Alina will contact bottle shed person, gather stuff for plant-a-seed; Jeff will look into a squashed cube of aluminum; Louise will look into a paper company donating paper for kids to make stationery with stamps; Sarah will write blurb for Courier, get balloons. We will have bikers and the truck; Louise will call for tables and look for composting handouts. Rachel will create a game, with prizes of t-shirts and pencils.

The Library Committee would like to discuss the recycle bins again, and would like a Recycling Committee member to come to them and talk.

Alina asked Bob about lane painting at the Recycling Center, and he will tackle it soon once the pavement dries out from all the rain.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Public Works at **7 P.M., Thursday, June 15, 2006.**

Respectfully submitted, Sarah K. Choi, Secretary