

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

Minutes of the June 15, 2006 Meeting

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

Members absent: George Schuman and Louise Sullivan.

Guests: Bob Malley, Director of Public Works, Nick Daly and Nora Daly, Cape High students.

Alina called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 May 18, 2006 meeting.

The fall e-waste collection will be held on the second Saturday in October (14th). The collection will encompass TVs, fluorescent bulbs, cpu units, printers, and keyboards. We should emphasize that we are collecting "household" generated waste, not business waste. We will have a restriction of **five** items, per vehicle, excluding fluorescent bulbs, and items containing mercury. We will need to put an insert in the Courier, and give out a flyer at the Recycling Center the previous week.

We will hold a composting event in mid-July in lieu of a meeting. We will set up a demonstration in the center island at the Recycling Center, and then have some working examples set-up at people's homes in town.

We would like to order a recycling flag to fly at the Recycling Center, but the one the committee wished to purchase online is much smaller than the American flag which already hangs there. Jeff will look for a larger flag to be similar in size to the American flag.

A sub-committee will discuss and create a Recycling Rates sign for the Recycling Center, perhaps using the old composting sign which is already there.

Bob spoke of the alarming amount of cardboard that is still being thrown in the hopper rather than being recycled. We need to write a Courier article about this and another article on the July 1st Universal Waste deadline.

Nick and Nora Daly helped out at last year's Family Fun Day by collecting bottles and will do it again this year. They would like to start an Environmental Club at the High School, and tackle a few projects, such as beginning an Earth Day celebration, and testing water quality in town. Nick and Nora want the club to be a collaborative effort between the schools, students, and the town.

We are in good shape for Family Fun Day: we have the truck, Reggie the Raccoon, bikers, seeds and compost for the plant-a-seed, game, pencils as prizes, totebags, and stationery.

We would like Greg Walsh to run his article about visiting RWS in the Courier.

Jeff received an email from Geraldine Davis, one of the Swap Shop volunteers regarding formally organizing the volunteers. Perhaps we should create a list of guidelines, like whatever Pat and Bruce says goes, if receive any flack, go to an attendant, and post formal cleanouts (right now Mondays 8-10 am and Tuesdays). Bob will put up a thank you to Swap Shop volunteers on the marquis at the Recycling Center.

Bob will try to find the names of the Swap Shop volunteers whom we nominated for the RWS Eco Award. Before we contact them, we will wait to hear from RWS on how to proceed.

Rachel will work on updating CETV slides using power point. The new slides should recognize the Swap Shop volunteers and define the changes universal waste collection.

Ed Nadeau from the Library Board would like someone from the Recycling Committee to attend their meeting on September 21st. Alina and Rachel will attend.

Upcoming Courier articles will be on cardboard, the universal waste deadline (Alina), and the e-waste collection in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Sarah K. Choi, Secretary