

# Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee

## Minutes of the September 7, 2006 Meeting

Members present: Sarah Choi, Alina Perez-Smith, Russ Pierce, Rachel Stamieszkin.

Members absent: George Schuman, Louise Sullivan, and Jeff Van Fleet.

Guests: Joan Daly, Nick Daly, and Nora Daly.

Alina called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.

Nick and Nora Daly presented a handout describing the goals of the Environmental Club at the High School; they will meet next Wednesday (9/13) after school. Teacher Sue Guerrette will be their advisor. Nick and Nora will also help out at the CELT Harvest Fest.

**On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: To accept the minutes of the June 15, 2006 meeting.**

The committee discussed the Recycling Numbers supplied by the State Planning Office. We will invite Bob to attend our next meeting to explain and help us understand the statistics.

We discussed our Compost Fair, held in July at the Recycling Center. About 30-35 people came to our booth, and we had two different gardens open at the homes of the Miles and Atwell families. The gardens were two different models, and were very inspiring. Should do something regarding composting again for the next year? Rachel will follow up with names of those who were interested in composting gathered at the Fair to find out how many are composting now versus before the Fair.

Joan spoke of a new garden that has been planted at the Middle School, and the hope of composting there. The committee asked her to think of ideas to help out with school and recycling. To connect with the schools, we hope to tie our recycling message into science.

The CELT Harvest Festival will be held September 24, starting with a triathlon at 8a.m., then the festival at 9 a.m. CELT is happy to have us participate, but they don't want us to give away or sell anything. We can have a children's activity, and perhaps supply information on recycling including the upcoming e-waste collection on October 14. We will schedule a sub-committee meeting to plan for the festival. Alina will email the committee regarding the date of the sub-committee, and staffing e-waste collection day.

Sarah will write a short article on the e-waste collection, and will send the committee deadlines for Courier article submissions. Rachel presented her article on cardboard. The committee agreed that it was good and she will submit to the Courier after verifying the numbers with Bob and getting his input on the article.

Regarding the Recycling Rates sign, Rachel found out that signs used for KidsTurf came from a lumberyard for \$40 for each panel. Rachel will investigate the sign, and work with another committee member to put together a sign for us.

Alina and Rachel will attend the Library Trustees meeting to present the public-use recycling bins on September 21.

The committee discussed the Bottle Shed, its disorganized appearance, and its management. We agreed that the Shed needs an overhaul. Joan Daly discussed machines for sorting the bottles, which would cut out the middleman. (Guy, the driver, transports the bottles for refund and receives a percentage). Joan will go to the new Scarborough Hannaford's which has a new state-of-the art sorting machine. (Debbie Bump is responsible for scheduling the Bottle Shed at Town Hall.)

We need to put up more CETV slides. We can use factoids as general slides, as well as create specific slides, like our town's recycling rates, etc. Rachel will work on these. Sarah will do an e-waste collection slide and send to Rachel for formatting.

Maine Recycles Week is coming up in November; Joan will look into the State website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Public Works at 7 P.M., Thursday, October 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah K. Choi, Secretary