

## **Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee**

### **Minutes of the January 25, 2007 Meeting**

Members present: Sara Choi, Alina Perez-Smith, Russ Pierce, Rachel Stamieszkin, Louise Sullivan, Gerry Davis, and Sara Spidle

Members absent: None.

Alina called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 November 30, 2006 meeting.**

**On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: To elect Russ Pierce, Chair and Sara Spidle, Secretary for 2007.**

Alina presented that she is waiting for clarification regarding her position on this committee and employment by the town of C.E. due to possible conflict of interest.

The committee discussed focus for 2007, including events, pay per bag, bins at library, increasing the recycling rates in the town by raising presence of recycling committee in community, partnering with town administration to make substantive difference.

Russ will make contact with Waynelete School to set up observation of their recycling procedures, which involve student participation.

Rachel will contact Sue Dana at Cape Middle School for suggestions on her involvement to connect students with recycling options, and possibly invite her to future meeting.

Sara S. will contact Kate Ekdahl to discuss composting ideas for school.

Mr. Brown will be contacted to discuss his involvement with recycling.

The committee discussed getting suggestions from citizens for streamlining E-Waste day.

It was found that Uni Waste E-Waste pick up is less expensive than Clean Harbors.

The committee decided on the following task managers: **CETV, Monthly Recycling Rates:** Rachel, **Swap Shop:** Gerry, **Courier:** Alina, **Budget:** Russ, **Events (including Family Fun Day and Schools):** Sarah C and Sara S. **Publicity EcoMaine:** Louise

Louise will write an article about fluorescent light bulbs for Courier, Sara S. will write article for Courier regarding lunch box reusable items.

Louise brought the Sunrise Guide, and articles regarding "Pay as you Throw" showing a reduction in trash of almost ½. It was decided that future relevant articles will be forwarded to members and discussed at next meeting, then Louise will send to Town Council.

A future trip to EcoMaine by Rachel, Gerry and Sara S. was discussed.

Russ will review budget for FY 2008 and deliver to Bob Malley by 2/12/07. The committee discussed possibly reducing the amount of the budget as we have come in under budget in past years. There was mention of possible reallocation of some funds for school recycling systems, and it was decided to give citizens resources for recycling instead of purchasing and reselling items such as composters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Public Works Building at **7 P.M. Thursday, February 15, 2007.**

Respectfully submitted, Sara Spidle, Secretary.

