

**Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee
Minutes of the September 20, 2007 Meeting**

Members present: Russ Pierce, Sarah Choi, Rachel Stamieszkin, Louise Sullivan, Gerry Davis, Sara Spidle

Members absent: Alina Perez-Smith

Guest: Bob Malley

Russ called the meeting to order at 7:10 in the conference room of the Public Works Building.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: To accept the minutes of the July 26, 2007 meeting.

Sara Choi will collect money from tote bag sales from W.Jordan farm, and calculate distribution of funds to Bob Malley or Environmental Club. Rachel will look into cost of bags to see if it is economical to continue selling the bags.

Alina has been working on communications with vendors for T.M.L. receptacle.

The committee discussed points from recycling workshop held with Town Council September 11, 2007. It was decided that the committee will focus on recycling in the schools, creating a survey, and placement of recycling receptacles around town. If receptacles are purchased, who will be responsible for those receptacles; town or private property owners? Sara Spidle met with Pond Cove principal to discuss Missi Labbe giving EcoMaine presentation to team leaders, custodial staff and cafeteria staff, as well as classroom visits. Middle School principal and Susan Dana will also be included. Louise will contact Critical Insights Co, to inquire about survey. It was noted that the survey should provide information regarding our waste stream that is useful to citizens. Sarah Choi will get comparisons of other similar towns' recycling and pay per bag systems. Sarah Choi will also read town recycling ordinance and gather ideas for changes in the wording.

The committee will put together a response to Town Council workshop, with proposals. Bob Malley gave guidelines for the committee. saying that the purpose of the recycling committee is to raise awareness and promote recycling. Diverting contractors to Riverside and pay per bag are town staff issues not R.C. responsibilities.

Russ and Bob will consider making a trip to Inn By the Sea to evaluate recycling system. Recycling Committee has been given \$5000 by town council, and it was suggested that those funds could purchase recycling receptacles for town, but no decision was made. Swap shop diverts 40 tons per year from waste stream.

Rachel will gather information for updated recycling pamphlet, committee will send ideas.

Gerry suggested a e-waste swap, which progressed into ideas for a web based listing of items in good shape that citizens wished to give away. A list could be posted at swap shop for those without computers.

Flyer for E-Waste day is on it's way to Courier for insertion in October 6th issue.

Courier Articles: Louise will recap workshop and interview Emma Kennedy, Sarah Choi-reminder for E-Waste Day, Sara S -list of alternative places to take E-waste, Rachel- how to interpret Recycling sign.

Sara S. will contact environmental club regarding recycling at CELT Harvest Festival

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Public Works Building **7 p.m. October 18, 2007**

