

**Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee
Minutes of March 27, 2008 Meeting**

Members Present: Rachel Stamieszkin, Gerry Davis, Jennifer Hansen, Greg Walsh, Mike Pulsifer.

Guests: Pat Anderson

Rachel called the meeting to order at 7:05 at the Public Works Building.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: to accept minutes of the previous meeting.

Jennifer Hansen reported briefly on her experience at a recent town meeting for members of public boards and committees dealing with issues of conducting town business as a matter of public record.

Pat Anderson reported that the town recycling rate for February was 30.24%. That is higher than the 18.8% rate from the prior-year February and greater than the Ecomaine average for the first time ever. She also reported that during February, 201 tons were deposited in the hopper, compared to 207 tons in the prior year. The town recycled 87.15 tons of materials in February this year, compared to 53.25 tons in the prior year.

The committee discussed plans to reconfigure the sign announcing recycling rates located just outside the hopper building at the Recycling Center. Jen to send Rachel the graphs for CETV . Rachel to work with Kinko's to explore the cost of a new sign that would go right over the existing one.

The brochures, recently created and printed by Pat Anderson, cost about \$1,700 to print, according to Pat. The print run was about 5,000, with most going for insertion in the Cape Courier.

The committee discussed plans for printing a two-sided flyer in advance of the spring hazardous waste collection day at the Recycling Center. Greg is working on getting this into the Cape Courier, working with Big Red Q.

The committee discussed briefly the possibility of conceiving an award or plaque honoring individual recyclers at the Transfer Station.

The committee discussed deadlines for insertions and articles at the Cape Courier.

Jennifer Hanson discussed her efforts, and the efforts of others, to create a culture of recycling within the school system. Mike said he would join with Jennifer in an effort to promote and organize recycling activities in the schools.

Gerry reported on the effort to deal with the problem of commercial scavenging at the Swap Shop. For now, everyone seems to be following the “rules”.

Rachel reported on the event at Ecomaine honoring individual recyclers from various towns. From Cape Elizabeth, Jeff Van Fleet, former member of the Recycling Committee, was honored.

Briefly discussed was the concept of “Eco-Phone” collecting as a fund-raising technique.

Committee members discussed, again, the idea of raising the “consciousness” of the Town Council and other town organization in regards to recycling. A goal might be to have all facets of town government actively committed to recycling.

The next meeting will be held at the Public Works Building at 7 P.M., Thursday April 24th, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.