

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee
Minutes of April 23, 2008 Meeting

Members Present: Rachel Stamieszkin, Gerry Davis, Jennifer Hansen, Greg Walsh, Mike Pulsifer, Sara Spidle
Guest: Pat Anderson

Rachel called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. at the Public Works Building.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2008 meeting.

The process for Courier Articles was discussed, it was decided that the member who writes the article will send it to committee, who will review and give responses within three days. Jennifer is working with Courier to add bar graph to paper on a regular basis. Rachel will write April article on citizens who have begun to recycle. Greg will write May 13th article. Mike will write interview with ecomaine representative, regarding finding routes to increase recycling in schools and town. The committee discussed lobbying school board to gain more access and awareness at that level, to increase recycling at schools.

The inserts for hazardous waste day and the new recycling center brochure went out in Courier as planned.

Pat showed a draft of recycling rate sign and will send possible versions to committee for review. The draft showed a lighthouse with bar graph of rates.

Gerry brought in many articles on the subject of the environment and recycling. Rachel will send pertinent recycling articles to town council.

The disposal of medications now has new guidelines, that are still being drawn up by EPA, but at this point it is recommended to dispose of medications in coffee grinds or kitty litter and through away. Do not flush old medications. There are also businesses that will accept unused medications, such as Rite Aid Pharmacy in Portland and Scarborough.

The recycling website has been updated by Jennifer. Rachel suggested that the rate chart be put on front page of website, Jennifer will look into this.

Sara will research bottle recycling containers offered by CocaCola Co.

Pat says that there is an extra silver bullet available. Sara will contact Environmental Club advisor at high school to see if they can challenge the club on how to best use the receptacle. Jennifer from ecomaine would be willing to come and talk to the club and help them make set up a system.

Library recycling receptacle is coming. Pat will get information from Bob regarding logistics of who will take care of emptying the container and when it is coming.

Greg will ask library if they have a space to display recycling books.

The next meeting will be held at the Public Works Building at 7 P.M. Thursday May 29th, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05