

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee
Minutes of May 22, 2008 Meeting

Members Present: Rachel Stamieszkin, Gerry Davis, Greg Walsh, Mike Pulsifer, Sara Spidle

Members Absent: Jennifer Hansen

Guests: Pat Anderson

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

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted: to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2008 meeting.

The recycling rate for April was 24.70, which is a 5% drop from previous month, yet 7% higher than a year ago.

The recycling bin at the library has been installed, though upon inspection it did look as if it was filled with some trash. Bob Malley asked that better labeling be visible to help solve the problem. Perhaps getting one more identical receptacle for trash would alleviate the confusion. The committee discussed a short term plan of having a sign in front of the recycling container to promote recycling and draw attention to the differences between the bins.

Greg has gotten permission from the library staff to set up recycling book display at library.

The transfer station sign design is almost completed, and will be sent to Kinkos for printing within a few weeks.

The silver bullet has been installed at the high school.

The committee discussed the town recycling website and the wording used for "money saved" by recycling, and bar graph ideas.

Pond Cove School: Water bottles will not be sold next year, as a new water fountain will be installed. Jen will take recycling (trash) bins home at the end of school year and work on new decorations with her girl scout troop.

Mike suggested offering a stipend for staff members at each school to encourage further recycling efforts in those buildings, possibly through clubs. Mike will talk to Bob regarding this matter.

Courier articles: June 7th- Mike, July 5th- Greg, August- Rachel

Sara will take over task of sending recycling related articles to town councilors and Town Manager.

Mike brought some DVD's from ecomaine and committee members will view to determine if they are useful for Ch. 3, or other purposes.

The committee discussed and researched a CD and DVD disk recycling program, but determined it not to be an optimal system at this point, as the disks would have to be shipped to New Hampshire for recycling.

The next meeting will be held at the Public Works Building at 7 P.M. Thursday June 26th, 2008. There will be no July meeting. August meeting will be Thursday August 28th, 2008.

