

**Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee
Minutes of September 25th, 2008 Meeting**

Members Present: Rachel Stamieszkin, Mike Pulsifer, Jennifer Hansen, Sara Spidle, Gerry Davis

Members Absent: Greg Walsh

Guest: John Kane

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 the minutes of the August 21st, 2008 meeting. New recycling bins will be ordered for the library after problems occurred from rain in the existing bins. Bob Malley will order the new bins.

Rachel will research textile recycling in our area, as brought to the committee's attention by citizen contact. Mary Brock suggested teaming the Center for Environmental Technology with Goodwill to get textiles out of the waste stream.

Jen will research the Coca Cola grant program to acquire "redeemables" recycling bins to be used around town and by local groups, such as boosters at field and turf events.

Jen passed along information to the parent organizations at the elementary and middle schools regarding cell phone recycling through eco-phone.

The silver bullets at the schools are being used and will be weighed separately as "commercial weight". Total waste will be recorded for town council feedback on how much progress is being made with recycling in the schools.

John Kane was a visitor to the meeting who brought up the subject of disposal of cat litter and pet waste. He is concerned with the weight of the waste and was questioning whether there are alternatives to dumping it all in the "hopper". The committee will bring this issue to the town manager and public works department.

As Mr. Kane is new to town, the committee asked about his experience at the transfer station. It was suggested that a video be made (possibly by high school students in a drama class?) to be shown on CETV of the transfer station and where all of the recycling materials are to be placed, to ease any confusion.

A sub committee was formed with town council members and recycling committee members to discuss present and future concerns of town waste and recycling issues. They encouraged members to come up with marketing suggestions to educate people around town, with resources for more recycling. One possible idea was a billboard such as those used for the bleacher fund raising campaign, to be placed along Rt 77 to educate and encourage recycling. Outreach to the community by ecomaine was also discussed, possibly at youth meetings such as scouts and community services offerings. A questionnaire for neighborhood recycling habits might be circulated to obtain for information for the sub committee as well.

Courier articles: Greg - Oct 7th deadline (10/18 publication), Mike-Oct 21 deadline (11/1 publication) Gerry- Nov 11 deadline (11/22 publication) Sara- Dec 2 deadline (12/13 publication), Rachel- Jan 6th deadline (1/17/09 publication)

Rachel was contacted by South Portland's recycling committee with interest to collaborate on ideas to enhance recycling rates.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on **October 23, 2008 at 7 P.M.** in the Public Works Building.

