

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee
Draft: Minutes of February 26, 2009 Meeting

Members present: Mary Brock, David Ernst, Jennifer Hansen, John Kane, Mike Pulsifer, Bill Wadman, Greg Walsh

Members absent: none

Staff: Bob Malley, Director of Public Works

Jennifer Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the Public Works Building conference room.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the January 29, 2009 meeting; motion approved.

Mary Brock was introduced as the newest member, bringing the committee size back up to its allotted seven members.

January's recycling numbers for the town were not yet available.

Jennifer reported that a Cape citizen had suggested posting more info on Cape's website re:the Bottle Shed, e.g. hours, sponsoring organizations, etc. John will look into this as he continues his website update efforts.

Bob Malley reminded us that there will be only one household hazardous waste collection per year, but Cape now has e-waste recycling through Goodwill and this includes TVs, monitors, etc. CPU towers can go into the metal recycling area.

The committee's highly educational tour of ecomaine last Friday was discussed, and recycling tips learned, e.g. how to recycle shredded paper, will be shared with others.

Jennifer will schedule a joint meeting with South Portland's Recycling committee in the spring for an exchange of ideas. Initial contact shows they are very interested.

The committee discussed an article on Trash to Power sent to us by Elinor Redmond, and this info will be forwarded to other appropriate town officials.

We began discussing ways for the RC committee and for recycling to have a strong presence in the fall at one or both of two events: Maine Recycles Week and the Cape Land Trust festival. John suggested a large commercial paper shredder available as a trial at one of these events to see if we can further increase paper not currently recycled.

In response to a citizen inquiry re:recycling bins on the north side of town, Bob explained how lack of sufficient town-owned land makes that option unavailable at this time, and this was communicated to the inquirer.

Greg's article on recycling of plastic will be in the next Courier, and future article ideas were reviewed.

Swap Shop update from Bob: complaints of premature thinning of the Swap Shop are being addressed and these complaints may be unfounded.

Possible (probable?) mandatory recycling in Cape Elizabeth in the near future was discussed briefly and much more discussion will be anticipated.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be at the same location at 7 pm on March 26, 2009.

Respectfully submitted, David Ernst, Secretary.