

Town of Cape Elizabeth Recycling Committee
Minutes of April 30, 2009 meeting

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

Members absent: none

Jennifer Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Public Works Building conference room.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Mike to approve the minutes of the March 26 meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

After being invited to a joint meeting for an exchange of ideas, the South Portland Recycling Committee has agreed to come to our June meeting. Topics for discussion include possible joint ventures for cost sharing, South Portland's experience with recycling and curb-side pickup, and their yard waste recycling program. Other ideas and an agenda will be discussed at our May meeting.

High school student Lauren Hadiaris made a research-based presentation this past year to the recycling committee on the relative costs/benefits of curbside pickup in the Cape vs. our current system. Jennifer suggested the committee recognize her efforts by sending her a formal thanks in writing – all agreed.

Town Council member Penny Jordan will be a guest at our May meeting. As a member of the board of **ecomaine**, she would like to gain a better understanding of recycling issues in the Cape.

Louise Sullivan of the Cape Farm Alliance has invited the Recycling Committee to participate in their June 26 and 27 Strawberry Festival by way of promoting recycling during this two day event. We agreed this would be worthwhile and discussed having information on composting available plus having various samples of recyclable plastic containers attached to a recycled door or a large piece of wood, for education purposes.

Since there will be no fall large waste pickup this year, ideas were discussed for an in lieu event. Jennifer suggested a Cape wide "yard sale" over several days where large items that might have some value to other residents would be placed at roadside for free. Any unclaimed items would be properly disposed of by the original owner. John wondered about a possible web link where Cape citizens could post items for a free exchange. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

Options for the type, color and quantity of recyclable bags with the "Cape recycles" logo, to be sold at the CELT Harvest Festival, were reviewed. These will be purchased from a local vendor and sold for \$3 each or 2/\$5.

For Maine Recycles Week in November, Jennifer suggested that each RC member be responsible for one of the seven sites where recycling info/activity will take place. These include Town Hall, Police/Fire buildings, the Library, the three schools, and the Recycling Center. Specifics of these activities continue to be discussed/developed.

Mary suggested an express lane for the Household Hazardous Waste pickup on May 9 for those vehicles with only one or two items for drop-off, to avoid the often long line that develops. Bob Malley will be queried about this.

Greg has agreed to write the article for the next issue of the **Cape Courier**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be at **7pm on May 28** at the Public Works Building. – Respectfully submitted, David Ernst, secretary.