

Cape Elizabeth, Maine – Recycling Committee
Minutes of June 21, 2010 meeting

Members present: Mary Brock, David Ernst, Jennifer Hansen, John Kane.
Members absent: Mike Pulsifer, Sharon Roberts, Greg Walsh (all excused).
Administration: Bob Malley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The April 22 meeting minutes were approved. Cape Elizabeth's recycling rates for April (29.71%) and May (31.40%) were reviewed. These are slight declines from the January high of 35.86% but overall relatively consistent for this year.

The schools' recycling numbers were reviewed and still leave plenty of room for improvement, especially in the middle school. Some means of achieving this were discussed, with particular emphasis on promoting and maintaining a consistent faculty advisor at the middle school level. A motion was made by John Kane that the recycling committee chair, Jennifer, communicate directly with the middle school principal, Steve Connolly, to confirm the faculty advisor position for the middle school Environmental Club. The funding for this position will come from the recycling committee's 2011 budget. The motion was seconded by David Ernst and approved unanimously by the committee.

The committee's participation in Cape's recent Family Fun Day was reviewed. Over eighty Frisbees with Cape's recycling logo were won by children (and a few adults!) in games run by the high school Environmental Club. Official thanks to all Club members who participated.

An email to the RC from Sarah Spidel inquiring about possible funds for more bottle/recycling bins at the middle and high school athletic fields was acknowledged. Further details about these costs will be investigated.

The RC's presence at this Saturday's (June 26) Strawberry Festival was discussed, and will be similar to last year. Mike is coordinating the set-up and take-down. Mary and David will be taking the 12-2 and the 10-12 shifts, respectively. A vase made from recycled glass will be raffled off.

John volunteered to help update and maintain the town's recycling website and will communicate these changes to Wendy Derzaweic.

A replacement on the RC for Sharon Roberts, who is moving, was discussed.

Bob strongly encourage all RC members to attend the upcoming Town Council workshop on recycling issues and to express their views at that meeting. He will forward the date to us.

There will be no RC meeting in July. The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, August 26, 2010 in the Public Works building. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, David Ernst, secretary.