

Cape Elizabeth, Maine – Recycling Committee
Minutes of September 23, 2010 meeting

Members present: Mary Brock, David Ernst, Jennifer Hansen, John Kane, Mike Pulsifer, Greg Walsh. Members absent: Jamie Garvin

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The August 26 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The town's recycling rate for July was 32.46% and for August 33.86%, representing a slight upward trend from recent months.

School updates: The high school Environmental Club has extended an invitation to the Pond Cove teachers to have an interactive session for K-4 involving education about composting and other recycling issues; seven teachers have expressed interest. The middle school has accepted the RC's one-time-only contribution to help support a stipend for a faculty advisor to the newly formed Middle School Environmental Club.

The recent Town Council public hearing on Pay-Per-Throw was recapped. All who spoke were opposed to a PPT system. The future of the PPT proposal will be determined by the Council.

Mike asked whether any future joint meetings with other towns' recycling committees would be taking place. This will be explored by Jennifer. John asked about the possibility of placing a recycling bin on the South Portland/Cape border to be shared by both towns. This will be passed on to Bob Malley.

John and Greg have volunteered to write upcoming articles for the Courier.

Jennifer has ordered 100 silver water bottles with black recycling logo, to be used at future town events as recycling promoters.

Other: A discussion was had on food composting on a community scale at the recycling center. This will be explored further. John will update the links to recycling articles on the CE website. He also educated the committee on local organizations, such as the Salvation Army and the Re-Store, that will accept large items for recycling/reuse/resale.

The next RC meeting will be on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Public Works Building. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Ernst, secretary.