

Cape Elizabeth, Maine – Recycling Committee
Minutes of October 28, 2010 meeting

Members present: Mary Brock, David Ernst, Jennifer Hansen, John Kane, Jamie Garvin. Members absent: Mike Pulsifer, Greg Walsh. Administration: Bob Malley. Guest: Peter Frye, interested Cape citizen

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. The September 23 minutes were approved.

The town's recycling rate for September was slightly up at 34.65%, explained mostly by a decrease in the overall waste tonnage (probably due to the poor economy) and a stable recycled tonnage, making the rate slightly higher.

School update: Bob recapped a recent meeting with school and town leaders and the Superintendent, explaining the enthusiasm the school Environmental Clubs have about recycling issues, particularly composting. They are beginning a pilot program dealing with school cafeteria food composting, and will be addressing questions such as appropriate sites, responsibility of maintaining the compost site, and marketing and distribution of the final product.

Maine Recycles Week is November 8-15. There are no formal activities the RC is sponsoring or participating in.

ecomaine has begun a Community Recycling E-Bulletin Board posting various events, news items and other information from its member communities, and has asked each member town if it would be interested in participating and posting info on this site. The RC agreed this would be useful and Jamie volunteered to coordinate sending Cape Elizabeth's info to the site.

Bob announced a November 13 date for another resident check at the recycling center, where those using the facility will be asked for verification of resident status, issued town stickers if appropriate, etc.

Recycling (or lack thereof) in the town's condominium communities was discussed further, particularly ways to improve their participation. John and Mary will pursue this, starting by contacting some of the local condominium association presidents and inquiring about possible obstructions and ways the RC might help. A condo resident who recently contacted the RC expressing his concerns will be invited to our next meeting.

Jamie has many ideas about marketing recycling practices better in our town, including improved signage at the recycling center and disseminating info more effectively through the Courier and the town website. He will make a more detailed presentation of his ideas at our next meeting.

The RC was happy to hear that Missi Labbe from *ecomaine* is willing to come and make presentations in the schools about improving their recycling efforts. Bob will facilitate this.

The next RC meeting will be on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Public Works Building. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Ernst, secretary.