

Cape Elizabeth, Maine – Recycling Committee  
Minutes of December 2, 2010 meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. The October 28, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved. The current meeting is a combined November-December meeting due to the Nov.-Dec. holidays.

John Kane chaired the meeting in the absence of Jennifer, who has moved out of state. The terms of three members, Jennifer Hansen, Mike Pulsifer, and Greg Walsh, expire this month.

A motion was made by John, seconded and then approved by all, to recognize the contributions of the three retiring members and to thank them for their service: Jennifer for her persevering leadership, Greg for his support and informative Courier articles, and Mike for his particular efforts in the outreach activities of the RC.

A letter from Elizabeth Brogan, editor of The Cape Courier, to the RC inquiring about future Courier articles was reviewed. John will respond to this with an emphasis on the RC's focus on citizen education about recycling issues.

*ecomaine's* initiative at waste reduction through donating reusable goods was discussed, particularly through programs such as Habit for Humanity's ReStore.

The schools' most recent recycling rates were reviewed and were significantly improved, thanks in large part to the new Director of Facilities Greg Marles.

John updated us on the condominium project, an attempt to ultimately increase recycling rates at the town's condominium complexes. He, Mary, and Jamie, with Bob Malley's help, are currently compiling a list of all Cape Elizabeth condos with their various management companies, waste haulers, and methods of sorting as a means initially of understanding both aids and obstruction to recycling at condominiums. The RC will then draft a letter to the condo associations explaining its findings and extending offers to assist in improving recycling efforts.

The recycling pages on the town's website need frequent review to ensure that its links to other recycling information sites are current and active. John will contact Wendy Derzawiec and coordinate updates with her. Thanks are extended to a student teacher who sent us a new link suggestion for our website.

Three new members will be joining the committee in January. A welcoming letter will be sent to them once they have been selected and identified.

The next RC meeting will be on Thursday, January 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Public Works building. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Ernst, secretary.