

# **RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes Meeting 24 February 2011**

**Present: John Kane, Patt Salve Bothel, Peter Frye, David Ernst, William Marshall. Robert Malley Absent: Mary Brock, Jamie Garvin.**

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chair John Kane at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Public Works Bldg.**
- 2) The Minutes of the Committee meeting of 2 December 2010 were approved as presented. The Minutes of the meeting of 24 January 2011 were approved as presented.**

**It was agreed that Kane will be responsible for forwarding the agenda for meetings to appropriate persons at Town Hall, and Marshall will be responsible for forwarding approved Minutes.**

- 3) There was no public comment.**
- 4) Recycling Center Update and Rates to be provided later.**
- 5) The ecoMaine visit of the Ctee is scheduled at ecoMaine on Blueberry Road at 1:00 PM on Thursday 23 March. (See ecoMaine tour information provided.)**

- 6) Member updates and plans:**

**After some discussion it was agreed that:**

**Garvin will provide transfer station support**

**Bothel will provide information on composting and on CETV, including the worm bin video.**

**Marshall will work on condo recycling and school recycling issues.**

**Ernst will work on outreach initiatives.**

**Frye will work on citizen recycle awareness.**

**Brock will work on condo recycling**

**Kane will prepare Cape Courier articles, work on condo recycling and provide Ctee support.**

- 7) No power hour has been held but Kane is involved in arrangements to hold one.**
- 8) Kane presented a page, Cape Courier Articles for Recycle Ctee Member to Consider for action. (Attached)**
- 9) After some discussion Marshall moved, seconded by Bothel, that the time for the next meeting of this Ctee be moved to 7 April same time and place. This motion was voted and passed. It was agreed that at the 7 April meeting the Ctee would vote on the establishment of a regular meeting date.**
- 10) It was agreed that the Ctee's 2011 Work Plan would be prepared by Kane and sent to the members of the Ctee for comments and suggestions, after which Kane will prepare the final document and forward to appropriate persons at Town Hall.**
- 11) It was moved by Kane, seconded by Bothel, that the Ctee sponsor a Backyard Composting effort/program. The motion was voted and passed.**

**12) The Rules for Public Participation in meetings of this Ctee were accepted as presented. (See attached.)**

**Malley presented the Maine Resource Recovery Association Campaign Participation packet for 2011. The Ctee voted to participate in the program upon a suggestion from Bob that Town funds could be used to subsidize the cost of the bins. Bins could be offered for sale for \$ 25 and the countertop container for \$ 5. A notice could be placed in the Cape Courier and orders placed through the Public Works Office.**

**It was suggested by Bothel to check and see if the CEHS Environmental Club is going to offer the bins for sale as they did last year. Bob will check and report.**

**The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:10 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. Marshall**

**Attachments 2**

**These Minutes were approved at the meeting of the Committee held on 7 April 2011**

## **Cape Courier Articles for Recycle Cte. Members to Consider**

### **Trash vs. Cash**

Need to explain cost of trash removal affects Cape taxes

- Cost per ton of trash to ecoMaine (\$88)
- Cost per ton of recyclables to ecoMaine (\$0)
- Cost per trip in Silver Bullets (\$40)
- Ratio of recyclables to trash (35%)
- What does that mean?
- EcoMaine assessments vs other towns
- Why we endorsed pay-per-throw
- The economics of generating electricity from trash

### **Recycle 101**

Need to continue Jen Hansen's educational articles

### **Crazy Recycle Stories**

Request citizen input for individual stories in creative ways to increase recycling

### **Green Habits**

What ways can citizens minimize trash and recycling by thinking about waste at the point of planning wise purchases?

- Don't buy junk
- Avoid buying items that cannot be fixed when broken
- Reuse what you already have
- Use the Swap Shop more effectively
- Donate more; Use Freecycle
- Keep your dollars "local" (regional, USA, fair trade, etc)
- Get broken items fixed
- Buy with packaging & packing material in mind
- Promote composting
- Avoid that garbage disposal
- Get involved with your community

### **The Psychology of Green Habits**

- What is preventing your family from being more green?
- How do you change your habits?
- Once you realize what the "right" thing is, do you do it?
- Are you even thinking about the effects of your actions?
- "I paid my dues. I'm too old to change. I can't be bothered. It's not my job."

### **How Can We Change from Bad Habits to Good Ones?**

- By our good example
- By educating people. Most people want to do the right thing but they don't know what the right thing is.
- By peer pressure
- By town ordinance
- By advocating forward thinking
- By making it easier to be green
- By making it financially beneficial to be green
- By sharing the cost in relation to the action

**Recycling Committee**  
**Rules For Public Participation at Meetings**

Persons wishing to address topics on the agenda may do so following introduction of the item by the chairman and prior to the Committee discussion. Any person wishing to address the Committee shall signify by raising their hand. When recognized by the chairman, the speaker shall give his or her name and affiliation, if applicable. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person. The time may be extended by a majority vote of the members present.

Persons wishing to address topics not on the agenda may do so following the Call to Order and the approval of any applicable meeting minutes. On each meeting agenda, there will be an item titled "Public Comment", which shall be placed directly after the approval of any meeting minutes.

The chairman shall ask if there are any members of the public who wish to speak. Any person wishing to address the Committee shall give his or her name and/or affiliation. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person. The time may be extended by a majority vote of the Committee members present.

In the event there is a topic of interest to many persons, or if the Committee members wish to solicit public comment on a particular issue a separate meeting, or public forum may be scheduled. Rules of the meeting or forum will be discussed by the Committee and published prior to the meeting or forum.

During a workshop, persons may not comment on any issue and/or topic without the approval of a majority of the Committee members present. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person. The time may be extended by a majority vote of the Committee members present.

**Decorum**

Persons present shall not applaud or otherwise express approval or disapproval of any statements made or actions taken at such meeting. Expressions of approval or disapproval may be intimidating to others who wish to speak.

Approved by Cape Elizabeth Town Council: 2/14/2011