

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the Meeting of 1 December 2011

Present: John Kane, Chair, Patt Bothel, Peter Frye, Jessica Simpson,
Jamie Garvin, William Marshall, Robert Malley, Director of Public Works
Absent: David Ernst

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chair John Kane at 7:02 p.m. in the conference room in the Public Works Building.
- 2) Patt Bothel moved, seconded by Bill Marshall, that the Minutes of the 3 November 2011 be approved. Voted and passed. (Note: the Minutes of this meeting as forwarded to T.H. reflect a change in Item 8 to state, A modified version of the condo recycling letter...)
- 3) There was no public comment.
- 4) Bob Malley noted the fact that the recycling amounts have been creeping upward. The October rate pages had been distributed. Some changes have been made in the way that custodians dispose of trash from certain buildings to insure that only school trash is placed in school containers.
- 5) Jessica Simpson reported that she had not received any feedback from the condo informational letter; neither did John Kane.
- 6) A back and front single page mailer was distributed as an elegant and helpful approach to the recycling/composting questionnaire or survey was distributed. Bob Malley will look into using the bulk mail permit for the return address on this mailer. The Ctee expressed its appreciation to Jamie Garvin and his colleague who devised this questionnaire.

7) Note that the survey mentioned in No. 6 above is to be included as an insert in a January edition of the Cape Courier. This document is not attached to these Minutes, nor is the explanation of the introduction to the survey document.

8) There was no Item 8 on the agenda.

9) Following from the initial discussion at the November meeting, there was discussion of ideas for the 2012 Goals and Work Plan. It was understood that ideas for the new and/or revised work plan were to be presented to members of the Ctee in advance of the 5 January meeting. The document will be discussed and basically prepared at the 5 January meeting, then resubmitted to the Ctee for final approval at the 2 February meeting.

Marshall distributed 4 photos taken at a meeting of the CEHS Environmental Club at its meeting on Thursday 1 December to show various aspects of the way composting is done in the high school cafeteria, including the bins outside which are available for public inspection at any time. There are unanswered questions about what is currently happening to compost from the food prep area in the kitchen.

Bob Malley reported that he had had a meeting with Michael McGovern and Greg Marles, Town Facilities Manager, with Greg Williams to discuss a food composting program in CE Schools. The agenda for this meeting was discussion of a pilot food waste composting program at the Riverside Recycling Facility. Greg Williams will prepare a proposal for consideration and discussion by Michael McGovern, Greg Marles and Bob Malley after 1 January.

It was suggested that the CEHS Audio-Visual Club could become responsible for preparing a video to show what happens in the high school cafeteria when students are eating their lunches, which video could eventually be placed on the Ctee website for on-going viewing. Marshall is to follow-through on this possibility.

10) There was no final public comment.

11) John Kane announced that he would not be present at the 5 January meeting of the Ctee. He asked for a volunteer to chair the meeting; Peter Frye volunteered.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting 5 January 2012 same time and place.

These Minutes were approved at the meeting of the Ctee on 5 January 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Marshall