

RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the Meeting of 2 February 2012

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

- 1) The meeting was called to order by chair John Kane at 7:01 p.m. in the conference room in the Public Works Building.
- 2) Jessica Simpson moved, seconded by Bill Marshall, that the Minutes of the 5 January 2012 meeting be approved. Voted and passed. John Kane abstained from this vote.
- 3) There was no public comment.
- 4) Recycling Center updates and rates had been earlier sent by email.
- 5) Bob Malley commented on the survey flier that had been included in the recent Cape Courier regarding use of and issues with use of the Town Recycling Center. As of the date of this meeting, 396 fliers had been returned. 4700 fliers had been sent out with the Courier. The number of returns and comments are attached to these Minutes. More returns are expected; it was agreed that the rate of return was very good and that comments were useful. It was agreed that an article should be written for the Courier about the results of the survey. It was also agreed that at the 1 March meeting we would spend additional time discussing the survey and results.

Question 5 of the survey asked about potential use of a community compost facility. Bob Malley commented that there was likely

confusion about this question. Bob also commented about the on-going developments about community composting for the Town. The Town has received a proposal from Maine Waste Solutions, LLC, (MWS) regarding their facilitation of a food-waste composting program at the school cafeteria complexes. MWS will train the staff, transport and volume reduce the food-waste at their facility in Portland. This proposal will be included in the FY 2013 budget submitted to Town Council.

Bob asked the Ctee if it had interest in participating in the annual compost bin sale sponsored by the Maine Resource Recovery Association. (MRRRA) The Ctee agreed that it was worth offering the opportunity to residents. Bob is unsure how much the Town will subsidize the cost of each bin, based on the funds available in the budget. MRRRA will be asked to include Cape Elizabeth in its program. A notice will be placed on the web page and in the Cape Courier. (These paragraphs courtesy of Bob Malley.)

6) It was agreed that since the Town's overall approach to composting was developing so well, and that this effort included all the composting efforts in the schools, the Ctee would for the time being not attend meetings of the CEHS E Club.

7) Approximately 45 minutes were spent reviewing and commenting on various aspects of the Ctee's draft of the Goals and Work Plan for 2012 which had been helpfully summarized by Jamie Garvin as a draft for the Ctee. After many comments and suggestions, Jamie agreed to summarize these suggestions and circulate another draft to the Ctee before the 1 March meeting.

8) Articles for the Cape Courier on the survey will be drafted as well as articles on the use of credit cards at the Recycling Center, and as well as

articles/ information about the development of the community composting center.

9 & 10) Jamie Garvin called attention to the report on the MPBN news that a group of students at SoPo Memorial Middle School has won a competition, sponsored by Cherwonki Foundation and Poland Spring, to reduce their school waste to zero. The Ctee expressed its interest in having more support for CE students for this competition next year.

Jamie also proposed that the Ctee plan a time to meet at the Recycling Center to become more familiar with the total operation and management of the Center.

Item No. 10 in the 5 January Meeting Minutes was not followed through. The appointment of a vice chair for the Ctee needs to be placed on the 1 March meeting agenda.

11) There was no final public comment.

12) Bill Marshall moved, seconded by Jessica Simpson, that the meeting be adjourned. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. Marshall

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