

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the Meeting of 8 March 2012

Note: This meeting was held on the second Thursday of March due to a snow day on the regular meeting day.

Present: John Kane, chair, Patt Bothel, Jessica Simpson, David Ernst, William Marshall, Peter Frye, Robert Malley, Director of Public Works
Absent: 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 Building.
- 2) Jessica Simpson moved, seconded by Bill Marshall, that the Minutes of the 2 February 2012 meeting of the Ctee be approved. Voted and passed. Patt Bothel abstained from voting on this motion.
- 3) There was no public comment.
- 4) Rachel Davis, children's librarian at Thomas Memorial Library, was introduced. She provided background and solicited suggestions for Earth Day (April 22) programming at the Library. Various suggestions were made, including worm farms, other composting methods, and an earth machine. Individual arrangements were made with Ms. Davis to follow through.
- 5) The election of a vice chair was delayed to the April meeting.
- 6) Recycling Center Update and Rates were distributed. There was discussion about the rates, differences in rates in local area communities, and why rates do not seem to be declining.

7) The report on signage at the Recycling Center was delayed because Jamie Garvin could not attend this re-scheduled meeting.

8) Bob Malley gave a brief report on the status of a large compost facility for public use. A budget proposal will be submitted to Town Council approximately 1 April to undertake a pilot program. It is necessary to evaluate how composting in the schools is working. There will have to be a huge educational program in several staff and other areas to get this program up and running when a pilot program is approved. There are possible public health issues involved which are not as yet examined.

A visit to the South Portland public composting facility was discussed and is being planned.

9) Approval of the 2012 Work Plan was tabled until the April meeting.

10) There has been a very good return on the Recycling Surveys that were sent out earlier with the Cape Courier. A two page summary of the survey is attached.

11) Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday 16 June. Several members of the Ctee volunteered to meet with Bob Malley at the public works building on a date to be determined.

12) Interest was expressed in articles for the Cape Courier on battery disposal and problems with full silver bullets especially those behind Town Hall.

13) There was no final public comment.

14) The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting 5 April 2012 same time and place.

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

Respectfully submitted ,
W. H. Marshall