

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the Meeting of 5 April 2012

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

- 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) Bill Marshall moved, seconded by Patt Bothel, that the Minutes of the 8 March 2012 meeting be approved. Voted and passed.
- 3) There was no public comment.
- 4) John Kane moved, seconded by Jessica Simpson, the nomination of Jamie Garvin as vice chair of the Ctee. The motion was voted and passed unanimously. This election is effective immediately.
- 5) Recycling Center updates and rates for January and February had previously been emailed to the Ctee. There was considerable discussion about tonnage being somewhat reduced over the past year, and what actions might be taken to increase tonnage over the long term. It is probable that a plateau has been reached; significant effort will likely be needed to raise tonnage beyond the present level .

Orders for about 20 composting bins have been placed; the bins will be received in May.
- 6) Jamie Garvin and Bob Malley will confer to assess the need for any changes and/or improvement in signage at the Recycling Center, and report to the Ctee at a later time.

7) The 2012 Plan of Work, as previously prepared, was discussed. Jamie Garvin will revise and distribute the Plan of Work prior to the 3 May meeting of the Ctee.

As previously discussed, it was agreed that members of the Ctee would spend part of a day at the Recycling Center to observe procedures and operations. The date of Saturday 12 May was suggested as the date for this event. The date and procedures for this event will be decided at the May meeting.

8) Discussion continued from previous meetings regarding the Recycling Survey. Various articles will be prepared for the Courier which will set forth trends and problems in Center operation, and to answer various questions that have been raised by respondents.

It was agreed that a sub-group of the Ctee will meet on Wednesday 18 April at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at the Public Works Bldg. to move ahead with this task.

9) For the immediate future Courier articles will focus on the Survey results.

10) There was no final public comment.

The tour of the Riverside Composting facility will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday 11 April at 950 Riverside Drive in Portland. Check in at the Gatehouse.

Patt Bothel will be demonstrating several aspects of composting, including use of worms, for Earth Day at the Thomas Memorial Library from 11:00 to 12:00 Saturday 21 April.

Attention was called to Family Fun Day at Fort Williams Park scheduled for Saturday 16 June. Plans for this event will be an agenda item for the May meeting of the Ctee.

Next meeting 3 May same time and place.

These Minutes were approved by the Ctee at its meeting on 3 May 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Marshall