

R E C Y C L I N G C O M M I T T E E
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the Meeting of 2 August 2012

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

1) The meeting was called to order by John Kane, chair, at 7:05 p.m. in the meeting room at the Public Works Facility.

2) Jessica Simpson moved, seconded by John Kane, that the Minutes of the meeting of 7 June 2012 be approved. Voted and passed. Patt Bothel and Peter Frye abstained from this vote.

3/4) Matthew Faulkner, a resident of Cape Elizabeth, gave a presentation on reducing plastic bag use. He spoke about the ways in which our environment is being polluted by the degradation of plastic bags. He stressed the need for public awareness of the damage these bags cause, and also provided illustrations of how other countries are attempting to handle the use of such bags such as by outright banning and also by charging at use point for their use. Evidence seems to show that charging for use is the most effective way of stopping their use.

He provided a set of handouts to each Ctee member. This presentation was quite well received by the Ctee.

There were no additional public comments.

5) Update and rates for May had already been sent. There was discussion about why tonnage is down; it was suggested that there is less disposal of cardboard and packing materials due to the economic situation, and that generally there is less use of paper for products and printing.

As a part of the update, Bob Malley handed out a proposed solid waste disposal ordinance which will be referred to the Town Ordinance Ctee. It was understood that the Recycling Ctee supports the general thrust of this ordinance. Further discussion of this ordinance will take place at the meeting of the Recycling Ctee at our September meeting.

6) Family Fun Day participation went well. Patt Bothel did her worm presentation; as a result she has set up 22 families with worms. Thanks, Patt.

7) Jessica Simpson has written an article to appear in the next edition of the Courier. Jamie Garvin is preparing an article on the use of the open top silver bullets, and Patt Bothel is preparing an article on general use of silver bullets.

8) More analyses of the returns from the survey will be done for information for articles and information for Center use.

9) There was no additional public comment.

10) There was no Other Business that was not part of preceding comments/discussion.

11) Moved by John Kane, seconded by Jamie Garvin, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting 6 September same time and place.

These Minutes were approved by the Ctee at its meeting on 6 September.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Marshall