

RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the Meeting of 4 October 2012

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

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

2) Bill Marshall moved, seconded by Jessica Simpson, that the Minutes of the 6 September 2012 meeting be approved; voted and passed. Patt Bothel and Jamie Garvin abstained from voting on this motion.

3) There was no public comment.

4) A lengthy continuing discussion was held about plastic bag use. John Kane reported a discussion with Penny Jordan about this issue, and he spoke with Matt Faulkner regarding discussion about contacts with local businesses. John reported that Matt Faulkner had not as yet followed up with contacts with the local Business Alliance.

In general it was agreed that more information was needed to continue to pursue discussion on this item, and that this issue did not appear to have high visibility in Cape Elizabeth. It was agreed to table this discussion until a later meeting.

5) Bob Malley reported that the schools were improving their tonnage and seemed to be coming along nicely.

6) Bob Malley distributed a report on refuse and recycling tonnage trends. Bob also reported that he is now being assisted by Rob Merritt.

7) Jamie Garvin distributed an article he had written about how the open top silver bullets make recycling easier. Jamie submitted this article to the Cape Courier.

Patt Bothel presented her analysis of issues about silver bullet use. Her analysis showed that there continue to be questions about what can be recycled, hazardous waste, and more specific questions about the Recycling Center. She may prepare a Courier article from these data.

It was also suggested that an article be prepared on school composting and another article to report on a possible interview with Greg Williams, Facilities Manager.

8) Jamie Garvin compiled additional survey results. He intends to post this information on the Town website/site map/standing committees/ Recycling Committee/documents.

9) There was no final public comment.

10) It was suggested that, in preparation for events in the coming spring and summer, some new items with a recycling logo be developed. John Kane suggested a reusable tote bag, and will explore this possibility.

It was suggested that we need to think about Family Fun Day next summer and plan for a show and tell about reuse/recycle/composting.

It was also noted that Town Council will hold a public hearing on changes in a Town ordinance regarding solid waste disposal on Wednesday 14 November 2012.

There was also some discussion about ways to inform new residents of Cape Elizabeth about recycling, composting , the Recycling Center and related issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the meeting of the Ctee held on 1 November 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. Marshall