

RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Meeting

Present: David Ernst, Jamie Garvin, Jessica Simpson, William Marshall, Robert Malley

Absent: Patt Bothel, John Kane

(Peter Frye arrived after the meeting adjourned due to a prior commitment.)

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chair Jamie Garvin at 7:07 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.
- 2) Minutes for the May 2 Cmte Meeting were not available due to Patt Bothel's absence. Approval of the May 2 minutes to be tabled to the August 1 meeting.
- 3) In Patt Bothel's absence, Jamie Garvin agreed to record the meeting minutes.
- 4) There was no public comment.
- 5) Bob Malley provided a Recycling Center update. Notable in his report was:
  - The wood waste day pile at the Recycling Center has been relocated to the area adjacent to the grass/leaves pile. This was done at the request of the wood processor to facilitate less debris mixing with the material.
  - Town Manager Mike McGovern reported to Bob Malley that he received citizen feedback concerning the amount of "junk" in the Swap Shop. The Cmte discussed this being an ongoing issue. Recommendations were made by Jamie Garvin that a) upon repainting of the Swap Shop/Bottle Shed buildings this summer, consideration be

made regarding new and improved signage to deter users from leaving inappropriate items; and b) an article be submitted for an upcoming issue of the *Cape Courier* reminding readers of the intended purpose and general ground rules of the facility.

6) The Cmte discussed their recent volunteer day participation at the Recycling Center, in coordination with the HHW/E-Waste Collection Day. Feedback included:

- Busy for most of the day.
- Several questions were fielded concerning the hazardous waste collection ending earlier in the day.
- Doing these kinds of volunteer days gives the Cmte a good idea of the overall operations of the facility. In alignment with the Cmte's 2013 goals, efforts will be made to do more in the future.

7) Assignments for staffing the table at the June 15 Family Fun Day event were discussed. Jamie Garvin will set up the Cmte's tent, table and promotional items in the morning prior to the start of the event, and break down afterwards. Cmte members will take turns staffing the table. Due to the absence of several members, it was agreed that Jamie Garvin would send out an email to the members to sign up for time slots.

8) Bob Malley provided a detailed report on the HHW/E-Waste Collection Day. Notable were the following:

- The queue started early, in advance of the 8:30 a.m. start time.
- Many positive comments and feedback were offered from people dropping off materials.
- Good communications and logistics were observed on site.
- Materials collected included pressure-treated lumber, oil paints, solvents, cleaners, e-waste.
- The staff fielded a survey, which addressed several questions, including:

1. Where had people heard about the event? And had they participated previously?
2. Would there be a willingness to pay a fee for such service?
3. Type of waste being disposed and how long on hand.
4. Awareness of storm water management efforts.

(See appended spreadsheet for complete survey results.)

Jamie Garvin asked Bob if he thought there was sufficient demand for having more than one collection day each year. Bob offered that perhaps doing multiple e-waste days (which don't incur costs) would be useful. The Cmte agreed to continue further discussions about a possible Fall collection.

#### 9) Other Business:

- Jamie Garvin reported that he is attempting to reach Todd Erickson, Chairman of the South Portland Energy & Recycling Committee, with the intention of inviting him to a future meeting to discuss issues that group is working on and possible opportunities for knowledge sharing and collaboration.

- Jessica Simpson asked for an update on a previously discussed suggestion of holding a shredding event. The group agreed that if a Fall e-waste collection was held, it would make sense to combine the two initiatives.

- William Marshall asked for an update on any movement – in Cape Elizabeth or the surrounding communities – about initiatives to reduce use/ban plastic bags. No Cmte members had anything substantive to offer.

9) There was no final public comment.

10) Jessica Simpson moved, seconded by David Ernst, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

With no meeting scheduled for July, the next scheduled meeting is 7:00 p.m. August 1, 2013.