

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Town of Cape Elizabeth**

**Minutes of the September 3, 2015 Meeting**

**Present:** Peter Frye (Chair), Tracy Floyd, Jamie Garvin, Robert Malley, Jessica Simpson, and William Schmitz

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Peter at approximately 7:08 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.
- 2) Minutes of the May 7 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted. (Jamie moved, Bill seconded.)
- 3) There were no members of the public present for the citizen comment period.
- 4) Copies of the recently submitted Report of the Solid Waste & Recycling Long Range Planning Committee were provided to all of the Recycling Committee members. Jamie and Bob presented a high-level overview of the report, and fielded questions from the RC. The report is scheduled to be formally received by the Town Council at their September meeting, and then likely referred to a workshop at a later date for more detailed presentation by the SW&RLRPC and Woodard & Curran. Bob shared Town Manager Mike McGovern's and other Councilors thanks for the SW&RLRPC's efforts and their appreciation for the thoroughness and high quality of the report.
- 5) Peter provided a brief recap of the Recycling Committee's participation at the Cape Elizabeth Family Fun Day in June. The Cmte discussed whether it should reconsider participating in the future, based on our goals and objectives and the level of engagement at the event. The Cmte will consider other events that might be more productive, including the annual Strawberry Festival hosted by the Cape Farm Alliance.
- 6) The Cmte discussed what to do in lieu of a regular business meeting for October. The meeting calendar that was approved at the beginning of 2015 had a placeholder for October. The Committee agreed the best use of our time would be volunteering time at the Recycling Center on a Saturday, specifically focusing on helping out at the Swap Shop. The Cmte set October 17 from 10:00-2:00 as the work day.
- 7) Bob provided a general update on activity at the Recycling Center. Mostly, it remains "business as usual." The staff continues to try and mitigate issues at the Bottle Shed with users leaving their bottles in plastic bags. There is ample signage in the Bottle Shed, along with a bin for people to throw out their bags after they empty them into the container, but it still remains a trouble spot. It was suggested this might make for a good article in the Cape Courier to emphasize the point to residents. Tracy agreed to take a stab at drafting something.
- 8) In other business, Kara shared information about a beach clean-up initiative called Blue Tube. Jamie also brought up the need to focus on recruitment of new members for the next term, and to begin thinking about Cmte officer elections.
- 9) There were no members of the public present for the citizen comment period.

10) The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50p.m.

The next scheduled activity is October 17, 2015 at the Recycling Center from 10:00-2:00. The next regular meeting is November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building.

Respectfully submitted by Jamie Garvin.