

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the May 5, 2016 Meeting

Present: Peter Frye (Chair), Matthew Faulkner, Jennifer MacDonald, Aubrey Miller

- 1) Peter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.
- 2) Aubrey Miller suggested that Item 6 of the March 3 Meeting Minutes, Retail Packaging Ordinance, be revised to indicate the fee would apply to both plastic and paper bags. Following a motion by Jennifer, seconded by Matt, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of March 3, 2016, as amended.
- 3) There were no members of the public present for the citizen comment period.
- 4) There were no committee member updates.
- 5) Tracy was not present to provide an update on the Family Fun Day “Lobster Roll” Cooperative Project.
- 6) The committee discussed the Retail Packaging Ordinance. Matt indicated he had spoken with most Cape Elizabeth business owners and managers who might be affected by such an ordinance and many were in favor of the idea. After discussing the idea of a ban on plastic bags versus a fee on plastic bags, the committee decided to move forward with a fee. The committee voted to recommend to the Town Council an ordinance using the same terms as those in the City of Portland and City of South Portland ordinances (Matt moved, Aubrey seconded, all in favor).
- 7) Matt is continuing efforts to reach out to Peter Esposito, School Nutrition Director, regarding the use of compostable food service items in Cape Elizabeth Schools.
- 8) A few items were discussed during Education & Outreach:
 - The committee discussed the best way to obtain data to determine the need for recycling education in the schools. The committee will start by talking with Bob Malley.
 - Peter is working on two articles for the Cape Courier—one regarding current operations at the bottle shed and one regarding the need to flatten cardboard boxes for recycling.
 - The committee discussed additional ideas for education and outreach including regular educational tips in the Cape Courier, an annual newsletter, and signage at the recycling center. Peter described signage he saw at the Gray transfer station/recycling center that reminds citizens of the costs of waste disposal versus recycling; the committee expressed interest in incorporating similar signage in the remodel of the Cape Elizabeth Recycling Center.
- 9) The committee discussed the upcoming event and meeting schedule, including the HHW/E-Waste Collection Day, shredding event, and Family Fun Day. Committee members will receive email communications regarding participation at these events.
- 10) There were no members of the public present for the citizen comment period.

11) The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m. (Aubrey moved, Matt seconded, all in favor).

The next scheduled meeting is May 14, 2016 (in conjunction with HHW/E-Waste Collection Day).

Respectfully submitted by Aubrey Miller.