

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Draft Minutes of the August 4, 2016 Meeting

Present: Peter Frye (Chair), William Schmitz, Tracy Floyd, Matthew Faulkner, Kara Law and Jennifer MacDonald.

Staff: Robert Malley, Director of Public Works.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Peter at 7:06 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.
- 2) The May 5, 2016 meeting minutes were approved (Matt moved, Jen seconded, minutes approved with abstentions from Kara and Bill).
- 3) There were no members of the public present for the citizen comment period.
- 4) There were no reports by committee members on particular activities or correspondence aside from those discussed in agenda items #5, 6 and 7 below.
- 5) Matt reported support for a proposed Retail Packaging Ordinance from all members of local businesses that he has contacted. He offered to reach out to one remaining restaurant to discuss the ordinance. The committee will assemble a draft ordinance for Cape Elizabeth that largely follows the adopted ordinances of the Cities of Portland and South Portland for discussion at the next meeting, with plans to submit a proposed Ordinance to Town Council for consideration.
- 6) The committee discussed reaching out to Cape Elizabeth school personnel to learn about current curriculum around waste and/or recycling in the three schools. Tracy volunteered to set up a meeting with the school superintendent, and Bob offered to invite the school nutrition director to a future committee meeting. Peter will arrange a visit by the committee to ecomaine in early October.
- 7) Peter has two articles to send to the Courier, one on the bottle shed and another on collapsing cardboard boxes before disposal. The committee proposed creating new signage for the Recycling Center based on a sign used by the Town of Gray.
- 8) Bob reported on activity at the Recycling Center, including almost 400 cars bringing material to the Household Hazardous Waste collection event. This year latex paint was taken to Paint Care by Clean Harbors, the hired service. The planning process for voter-approved upgrades to the Recycling Center is on schedule, with the preliminary design and permitting processes currently underway and the goal to break ground in April 2017. By changes to the Boards and Commissions Ordinance, the staff liaison to the committee is now required to serve as committee secretary.
- 9) There were no members of the public present for the citizen comment period.
- 10) The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:29 p.m. (Tracy moved, Bill seconded, all in favor)

The next scheduled meeting is September 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kara Law.