

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017

Present: Chair, Kara Lavender Law (KL), Matthew Faulkner (MF), Aubrey Miller (AM), Jennifer MacDonald (JM) and Chelsea Torrey (CT)

Absent: Tim Trachimowicz (TT) and Tracy Floyd (TF)

Staff: Robert Malley, Director of Public Works (RM), was not present.

Public: None present

Call to Order: Kara Lavender Law (KL) Chair, called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM.

The committee was unable to access the Public Works Facility in RM's absence, so a brief meeting was held outdoors, without voting (e.g., on the October minutes). Brief updates were shared on the following:

- KL reminded committee members that Town Council would be holding a public hearing on the proposed packaging ordinances on Monday November 6, and encouraged members to attend.
- KL learned from RM that due to contract obligations with ecomaine, food waste collection at the Recycling Center had to be put on hold because it is not financially feasible for We Compost It to haul food waste from the Recycling Center to ecomaine (as required by contract), rather than to their composting facility. For this reason, the planned insert for the Cape Courier announcing the food waste collection program was suspended.
- In light of the postponed launch of food waste collection at the Recycling Center, KL suggested that the outreach event scheduled for November 18 (during Maine Recycles Week) at the Recycling Center also be postponed. Instead, CT suggested that the committee volunteer in the Pond Cove cafetorium that week to reinforce proper waste sorting habits, as we did at the beginning of the school year. KL offered to reach out to the Pond Cove administrators to schedule this outreach, and will email the committee to set up a volunteer schedule.
- KL shared the plan to submit a proposal for an ecomaine school recycling grant, in collaboration with Perry Schwarz, for new, color-coded and shorter waste bins on wheeled dollies, and materials for signage in the Pond Cove/Middle School cafetorium. The application was due October 31 but an extension was granted to Cape Elizabeth because of the wind storm and extended power outages. The application is due November 7.
- JM offered to order Recycling Committee t-shirts and asked that each person email her their t-shirt size.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Lavender Law, Committee Chair