

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2019

Present: Chair, Matthew Faulkner (MF), Nicole Boucher (NB), and Tim Trachimowicz (TT)

Absent: Kara Lavender Law (KL), Aubrey Miller (AM), Jennifer MacDonald (JM) and Chelsea Torrey (CT)

Staff: Robert Malley (RM), Director of Public Works

Public/Guests:

Call to Order: Matthew Faulkner (MF) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of October 10, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes

Given the lack of a quorum the draft minutes from the October 10th meeting could not be approved.

Citizen Opportunity for Public Comment Not On the Agenda

No members of the public were present

School Recycling Program – Discussion with Donna Wolfrom, CE School Superintendent

MF reported that Donna Wolfrom’s attendance at the meeting has been rescheduled to a future meeting due to the known absence of three committee members. RM reported that she is available to attend the December 5th meeting of the committee. RM recommended that she be invited to that meeting as she may be busy with budget preparation after the first of the year.

RM reported that he contacted the company that services the recycling containers on the school campus and asked if they were reporting our tonnage to **ecomaine**. They stated that they were not. RM requested that they start reporting that for any future loads brought in.

Review draft of updated Recycling Center Brochure – Nicole

NB shared two updated drafts of the Recycling Center brochure with the committee. One draft included a “QR” code that those members thought would be helpful to residents. The code could provide a link to Facebook by opening the camera feature on a smartphone device and focusing in on it.

RM suggested adding some text to ask users to check in with the attendants who have materials/loads that would need to be inspected.

There was a general discussion about getting an aerial picture of the layout of the facility for the brochure. RM suggested getting someone with a drone to take a picture. TT

cautioned that the airspace over the Recycling Center is within the 5-mile radius of the Portland Jetport and is restricted without obtaining a special permit.
Both TT and NB have contacts with people that have drones and will reach out to them.

Webpage, Communication and Social Media Update – Nicole Boucher

MF thanked NB for her informational outreach on social media for the last few weeks.

Recycling Center Update – Bob Malley

RM reported that the fee-waiver period (which ran from October 12th to October 28th) generated a lot of material, including brush and bulky waste. The wind storm which occurred on October 17th raised havoc with several trees in town. Fees have been waived beyond the 28th until Sunday, November 10th for wind storm-related debris only.

RM reported that the MSW tonnage has been up over the last two months over the previous year. It's unclear what to attribute the increase to. There could have been an increase in food-waste brought to the Recycling Center following the town-wide power outages of October 17th-18th. RM will monitor the trend and report back to the committee.

Committee Member Updates & Correspondence

None

Other Business

There was no other business discussed

Citizens Opportunity for Discussion of Items on the Agenda

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert C. Malley
Director of Public Works