

**DRAFT TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH
RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 4, 2013
CONFERENCE ROOM, PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

Present: Jamie Garvin, Jessica Simpson, Patt Bothel, John Kane, William Marshall, Robert Malley

Absent: David Ernst, Peter Frye

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jamie Garvin at 7:03pm**

- 2) Jessica Simpson moved, John Kane seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2013. No discussion. Unanimously approved.**

- 3) No public comment**

- 4) Recycling Center Update and Rates**

Bob Malley reported that he had been to a meeting at Ecomaine regarding food waste composting. A consultant has been hired for a lengthy study and a pilot program is possible similar to what CEHS is currently participating in.

Bob also reported that the wood pile at the recycling center has been moved to sort out pressure treated wood more effectively and that the swap shop has been extremely busy as of late.

- 5) Swap Shop Operational Discussion**

Bill Marshall reported on what he felt was a total mess at the swap shop. He had observed broken and useless items that are being dropped off there. He also felt that it needed to be painted and better interior lighting. Bob Malley reported that the swap shop is cleaned out at least twice a week by recycling center employees and felt that any more than that would not be a good useage of (paid) manpower. Bob also noted that there is a woman he only knows as “Cathy” who is in the swap shop fairly consistently who sorts and organizes all of the books. He will try and get contact information for her.

After a lengthy discussion the committee felt that some of our volunteer hours would be well spent in the swap shop.

6) Promotional Items Update

The coloring books that Jessica Simpson had ordered are in and will be available for Family Fun Day distribution. Jamie Garvin is hoping to use some in Pond Cove School for Earth Day.

7) Family Fun Day

The date for Family Fun Day is June 15, 2013 at Fort Williams. The committee is once again planning to man a table to answer questions about recycling and how to use the transfer station in general.

The committee brainstormed some ideas for displays including picture frames made of broken pottery and totes made of pet food bags. Patt Bothel will again bring some composting worms and set up a recycling game.

8) Scheduling RC Volunteer Days at Recycling Center

The committee has made a commitment to man the recycling center in 2 hour shifts during the May 11 E-Waste and Hazardous Waste drop off.

The tentative schedule is being developed by John Kane. Patt Bothel and Bill Marshall both noted that they could not be there that day.

9) Other Business

Jamie Garvin passed around 2 articles that have appeared recently in local papers regarding a South Portland private curbside composting company called Garden to Garbage Composting. The committee asked Bob Malley to invite the chair of the South Portland Recycling Committee to one of our meetings.

10 Final Public Comment

None

11 Adjournment

It was moved by Bill Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Seconded by John Kane. Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Patt Bothel

Recording Secretary

April 12, 2013

http://sentry.mainelymediallc.com/news/2013-02-08/Front_Page/Compost_collection_gaining_momentum_in_city.html

http://www.keepmecurrent.com/current/business/south-portland-mulls-curbside-compost/article_225fa800-80e4-11e2-a569-0019bb2963f4.html