

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the October 3, 2013 Meeting

Present: David Ernst, Jamie Garvin, Jessica Simpson, William Marshall, Peter Frye, John Kane, and Robert Malley

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chair Jamie Garvin at 7:04 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.
- 2) The September 5 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously. (Jess Moved; Bill Seconded)
- 3) There was no public comment.
- 4) Recycling Center Update & Rates.
 - a) The recycling rates are down slightly to 29.84% as are all rates across the ecoMaine community. (Bob)
 - b) Bob reported progress on Swap Shop renovations: interior walls were painted and exterior siding was replaced.
- 5) Shredding Event and Recycling Committee Volunteer Day at the Recycling Center is scheduled for October 19; members will partner during the hours of 9am to 1pm. Bob noted the material will be shredded on site and the town will receive "top dollar" compensation for fine grade tonnage.
- 6) Outreach Items:
 - a) A Courier article on the recycling of different kinds of cardboard is being written ("Types of Cardboard" - Jamie).
 - b) Jamie reported that Todd Erickson of the South Portland Recycling Committee will be a guest at the November meeting.
- 7) Other Business Items:
 - a) Bob mentioned the ecoMaine Open House is Saturday October 7.
 - b) Bob noted that two positions on the Recycling Committee will be filled during the current selection process (Patt's and Bill's).
 - c) Jess reported that the Common Ground Fair has an active recycling program for waste generated at the Fair.

d) Bill reported he encountered a low level of recycling on Amtrak while dining during a recent trip. An employee told Bill it was due to cost considerations.

e) A motion was passed unanimously to recognize Lori Templeton for her volunteer efforts in converting the old Recycling Center Brochure and Map to a useful format as well as a professionally updated, print-ready product. Bob will provide a gift card from a local business as a token of the Committee's appreciation for Lori's efforts. (Motion by John; Seconded by Jess)

f) Bob reported that the school composting program is continuing to generate about one ton of material per month.

8) There was no final public comment.

9) Jessica moved, seconded by Bill, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is 7:00 p.m. November 7, 2013.