

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Town of Cape Elizabeth

Minutes of the November 6, 2014 Meeting

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

1) The meeting was called to order by Chair Jamie Garvin at 7:09 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Works Building.

2) The Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2014 were approved. (Motion by Bill; Kara Seconded; Passed Unanimous)

3) There was no public comment.

4) Bob Malley provided a Recycling Center update.

- Preparations for the Sunday Leaf Disposal hours were under way;
- Regarding EcoMaine's reported tonnages, numbers are very consistent: overall tonnage is down and recycling tonnage is flat.

5) Paper Shredding Event Recap:

- 14 Bins of paper were received versus 30 in June (Bob);
- Six orders were received for Compost Bins as a result of Jamie's composting demonstration (Jamie);
- Kudos to Bill and his wife for helping to man the Swap Shop (Group);
- Next year will most likely include one event (Group).

6) Bottle Shed Update (Bob)

- Two proposals are being considered;
- Current procedures will be replaced (no longer manned);
- Revenue will be disbursed to town organizations involved with youth; activities on an as yet determined formula through application;
- FYI approximately \$30,000 yearly revenue in past years.

7) Discussion on Composting Survey

- Need to get more participation from residents who are not composting now;
- Positive publicity in the Current: Interviews with Jamie, Kara and Bob.

8) Composting White Paper (*NOT composting white vs. brown paper!*)

- Jamie's initiative is to produce a comprehensive document that will help chart the course of future town composting initiatives;
- Jamie discussed possible work assignments for the group;
- Bill volunteered to write up ecoMaine's report as it relates to Cape;

9) Open Committee Seats for 2015

- Jamie asked returning members to consider Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary positions to be voted at next meeting in January 2015;
- Jamie thanked outgoing members David Ernst and John Kane for their several terms as Recycling Committee members;
- Group thanked outgoing Chairperson Jamie for two years service.

10) 2015 Meeting Schedule

- Discussion centered on success of ten meeting model;
- January 7, 2015 Meeting scheduled;
- Nine other meeting will be scheduled at January Meeting.

11) Other Business:

- Minutes of September 25, 2014 Composting Workshop were approved. (Motion by Jess; Kara Seconded; Passed Unanimous);
- Kara reported on her research into Gray, Maine's recycling procedures;
- Jamie reported on his contact with a Yarmouth, Maine recycling official;
- Jamie discussed ways to encourage better food waste collection at Pond Cove/Middle School cafeteria;
- Bob mentioned Nov 15 as America Recycles Day;

- Bob reported that ecoMaine refunded approximately \$50,000 to the town as part of the ecoMaine member municipalities' rebates;
- Bob reported his initiative to reexamine the Transfer Station model since it is based on forty year old practices.

11) There was no final public comment.

12) Jess moved, seconded by Peter, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is 7:00 p.m. January 7, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted by John Kane