

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2019

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

Absent: Tim Trachimowicz (TT)

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

Public/Guests: None present

Call to Order: Matthew Faulkner (MF) called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of September 5, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes

“NM” was corrected to be “NB” under the “Webpage and Social Media Communication” agenda item. The minutes were then approved (5 Yes, 0 No)

Citizen Opportunity for Public Comment Not On the Agenda

No members of the public were present

Webpage, Communication and Social Media Update – Nicole Boucher

NB reported that Committee posts on social media have been getting some “Likes”. Jordan’s Farm has responded as part of the outreach effort to local businesses. They responded that they are encouraging patrons to use reusable bags.

KL mentioned there is a “Leave a Bag, Take a Bag” program at the TML. NB to add that to items to post on Facebook.

NB circulated a draft of a new Recycling Center brochure. There was a general discussion about information, pictures and the layout to include in the format. The members expressed their appreciation to NB for her efforts. She will bring an updated draft of the brochure to the November meeting.

Recycling Center Update – Bob Malley

RM reported that the wood-waste at the Recycling Center is ground then tested by an independent laboratory. The test results have to fall within certain parameters to be acceptable for disposal at Sappi’s biomass facility in Westbrook. The last test results came comfortably within the parameters which is a credit to the Recycling Center staff for culling out non-wood material at the drop-off area.

CT thought that we should share positive things on social media. NB asked RM if he could forward her the results so she can post them.

RM reported that one of the full-time attendants has recently resigned and that they are currently interviewing candidates for the position.

Committee Member Updates & Correspondence

KL attended the Middle School open house. She spoke with Andy Strout at the event who is the physical education teacher. He offered his assistance to the Committee for any potential Middle School-related endeavors.

MF asked RM if he had received any feedback from Perry Schwarz (School Facilities & Transportation Director) regarding his meeting with Donna Wolfrom (School Supt.) last month. RM will reach out to him before the November meeting.

MF reported on the electronic correspondence he had with Lauren Tarantino (Faculty Advisor to the CEHS Environmental Club). She and the club members were invited to attend the October meeting of the Committee but did not respond back to RM.

MF asked those present to think about topics to discuss with Donna Wolfrom (School Supt.) at the November meeting. RM suggested that some talking points be developed in advance of the meeting.

JM asked if the Committee has taken full advantage of **ecomaine's** outreach offerings to help with the school recycling program. It was noted that Katrina Bussiere-Vanhuizen of **ecomaine** visited all of the kindergarten classes last year.

There was a general discussion about the school recycling program. NB suggested simplifying it and addressing current logistical hurdles with any future facility improvements. MF volunteered to develop a list for Perry Schwarz.

KL noted that the **ecomaine** recycling reports do not reference any in-coming loads from the school campuses. RM will follow up with the contractor who services the containers.

AM spoke with Rachel Davis (Asst. Librarian) at a children's craft event with Katrina Bussiere-Vanhuizen of **ecomaine** that the TML had hosted. She noted that there were several questions about recycling from the parents that attended. KL asked if they could do a "recycling themed" story hour.

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 7:58PM.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert C. Malley
Director of Public Works