

Gorham Recycling Committee  
Meeting June 15, 2010 7:00 PM  
4 Aspen Lane Gorham ME 04038

Called to order 7:00 PM

Attending: Robert Frazier – Co-Chairman, Kimberly Hammond – Secretary

#### Chairman's Report

- Bob suggested we meet with someone from USM about working together – USM's biggest need is to get rid of food waste, they also need space for wind-rowing and composting on a large scale
- We need committee members to attend meetings – Kimberly will call committee members and advise them of the date and time of next meeting as well as the committee would like to become more active with everyone's help.
- Bob suggested we somehow survey the businesses in town and find out what costs them the most to dispose of. Also how business and recycling committee can work together to reduce this cost, possibly find a market for this byproduct.
- Bob suggested we find out if there is a need and a possibility to have one day a year dedicated to gathering copper, aluminum, and possibly another metal; that we could collect and recycle for the town to turn into income for the recycling committee

#### Old Business

- Meeting with Bob Burns' – this meeting went well; he explained that the Public Works are doing what they can to compost without having the licensing. It seems they are open to doing more but the time and money to get licensed seems out of reach at this time.

#### New Business

- Alison McCrady from ecomaine
  - Alison handed out flyers with explanation of what can be recycled and what cannot
  - Alison had examples of plastics that are able to be recycled
  - Alison stated that it is possible for us to work with her and create a "personalized" brochure for us to handout to the Gorham residents
  - Bob suggested we find out if it is possible to have the brochures "stuffed" with the trash bags we buy
  - Bob stated that there are places that will buy things that cannot be recycled and the use the item and turn it into a product; for example the company paid the school \$0.01 for each juice box and then turned the juice boxes into a backpack. The school made money and then the company could see the backpack and make money.
  - Alison said this company is called TerraCycle.

- This is a great site, they have a great idea that can make the community money.
  - [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)
- Brochure – we would like to work with Alison and create a personalized brochure as soon as we can
- We would like to have a booth at Market Place in the spring, at which we would have additional brochures and information to hand out and educate the Gorham community

Next meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> 7PM, at 4 Aspen lane

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM