

Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee
Meeting, Tuesday, July 28, 2009
Location: Salvation Army Library

Present: Fred Dolgan, Cris Hudson, Suzanne Scalise and John Weaver

Not present: Jetta Antonakos, Bill Farley

Guests: John Bird and Jacqui Deveneau

7:14 PM Meeting convened.

Item I:

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from 06-09-09 and 06-23-09 up for approval

Cris motioned to accept the minutes as presented

John W seconded

Meeting minutes accepted

Item II:

Meeting with Town Council

Discussion regarding the Recycling Committees meeting with the Town Council

Recycling Committee has been given a \$4000.00 budget. John W had suggested that the money be split into 4/\$1000 projects; door hangers, stickers, magnets and such.

As an FYI: Missi Labbe from EcoMaine can provide letters and fliers for hotel/motels, small businesses. Suggestion that if Recycling committee were to go directly to businesses recycling members could talk up recycling and offer EcoMaine and their resources to those who are looking for more info.

The group should make a list of things that can be provided from EcoMaine/Missi Labbe

Question of what it looks like to have a motel recycle. Kebec III keeps recycling barrels in each room next to the garbage cans.

John W said he would get fliers from Missi

Item III:

Video

John W spoke with John Glass about making a video. John said one of two types of settings works more easily.

-Interview style-inside, easy to set up. Could be done at council chambers

-Outside (similar to what the Department of Public Works does with Mary Ann Conroy) would take more planning.

Possible use examples of flattening corrugate boxes/cartons and milk jugs (before placing items in silver bullet)

-made video about 10 minutes long

Suggestions for what should be included in the video:

- Returnable bottles
- Milk jugs – recyclable
- Display things that can be recycled such as a stack of boxes of various styles and sizes, show how to break them down.
- Styrofoam – foam that can be re-used such as packaging peanuts vs. packaging spacers, foam plates and cups.
- Medical/haz mat waste
- Light bulbs
- Resources for disposing of items that are not recyclable
- Include things that don't go into the recycle bins/silver bullets
 - Packaging peanuts
 - Grocery bags
 - CFL bulbs
 - Batteries/car batteries

- Haz mat materials such as paint, old oil, appliances, computers, tv's
- Where to take printer cartridges

Cris had questions regarding people who have had concerns about how a house hold sets up a recycling area. There are lots of good ideas about what should be in the video. Suggestion that maybe a couple of short videos could be made. They could be played on the cable access channel or possible be posted on the town web site for viewing. For a home set up three bins works well one for garbage, one for recycling and one for returnables. Suggestion: that the video be more visual than verbal.

Will need someone to script the video and then rehearse. Would like to have 2 or 3 'actors' for the video. Cris and Freddy will work on a script and have a rough copy available for the next meeting.

Suzanne suggested that the committee could get a commitment from a couple of high school students who need community service time to help maintain a recycling blog or something similar.

Item IV:

Silver Bullet Sign

John W made a rough draft of a sign to be posted at the silver bullet to help alleviate the dumping of waste into the silver bullet. EcoMaine does not provide signs like the committee is considering. The bullets that are provided have recycling info printed on them already.

The committee would like certain info provided on the sign:

- Use multiple colors for the sign – green, red, black
- Put in red those things that should not be placed in the bullet
- Green for items that should be flattened
- All other communication in black

Sign should be about the size of a road speed limit sign

Rough wording:

Welcome to Old Orchard Beach's Silver Bullet
 No
 Styrofoam
 Plastic bags
 Foam peanuts
 Please flatten
 Cardboard boxes
 Plastic jugs

Should there be more definition around which plastic bags can be recycled?

Item V:

Events

August 4, 2009 vote on school budget and OOBHS, next Tues 8am – 8 pm.

August 21-23 Annual Beach Olympics

August 22 Annual 5k Race

For the August 4th vote at the high school committee agreed that they would like to put up a table and provide recycling information.

Show up prepared with:

- Table
- Fliers
- Recycling banner
- Will need a table

Would like to hand out fliers and talk with people. There was a thought of getting the two sided informational cards from EcoMaine.

John Bird offered that there might be a possibility that the Ocean Park Conservation Society might be able to provide the money to make the recycling stickers (for recycling bins) happen.

Schedule for table coverage for the August 4 vote at the high school

8-10 am - Freddy

10-noon/1 pm – John weaver

1-2:30 – Suzanne

2:30 – 4 pm John Bird

4 – 6 pm John W (possibly returning)

6- 8 pm Cris

Jacqui will fill in where needed

John W can meet Freddy in the AM to drop of table, brochures and info.

John W will talk with Kim McLaughlin about setting up a table.

This is a good opportunity to see how it goes setting up a table and what goes on.

For other events John W said there are other items available such as an umbrella, an accordion 4 x 8 tent for outdoor events. Suggested: cookies could be made.

Item VI:

New Business

Round recycling stickers – shelved until November (they would be useless if the new contractor goes with the automated system).

Cris motioned to accept the silver bullet sign with revisions made by Jacqui.

John W seconded

Sign accepted with revisions

John W motioned to adjourn

Cris seconded

8:45 PM the meeting adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is for the first Tuesday in August; August 11, 2009

s/Suzanne Scalise

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Scalise

Secretary Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee