

Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee
Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Location: OOB High School Library

Present: Jetta Antonakos, John Bird, Jacqui Deveneau, Fred Dolgan, Bill Farley, Cris Hudson and Suzanne Scalise.

Not present: John Weaver

Guest: Kenny Hunter, BBI

Resigned: Dan Patry

7:10 PM Meeting convened.

Item I:

- A. Meeting minutes from 02-10-09 read by Suzanne
Fred motioned to accept meeting minutes as read
Cris seconded
Meeting minutes accepted as read
- B. Meeting minutes from 02-24-09 read by Suzanne
Cris motioned to accept meeting minutes as read
Fred seconded
Meeting minutes accepted as read

Item II:

Mission Statement:

1-Fred handed out a Mission Statement of the OOB Recycling Committee which he had written.

2-Discussion ensued regarding verbiage and inclusion of certain terms.

It was suggested that 'non-polluting' be taken out of item 3 and replaced with 'promote production of waste'. Under item 6 add corrugate and organics (composting). Under item 3 add, 'waste reduction' somewhere. Item 4 strike off 'carbon footprint'.

Things to be included: increase awareness and participation, be user friendly, programs to reduce waste through education and outreach.

3-Fred asked to table the Mission Statement

Jetta seconded

Any changes can be emailed to Fred

Fred will make changes for the next meeting, March 24, 2009

Item III:

Report on Implementations from other Municipalities from John Weaver

Tabled until next meeting

Motion to table by John Bird

Bill seconded

Item IV:

Implementation of Sub-committee

John B. suggested that there be a new name for the Pay as You Throw Program (PAYT) to help support the program and to alleviate confusion around the name. Suggested: Pay to throw, recycle to save

Bill Farley gave a review from the treasurer

Went over a list of houses/residence vs. condos

Need to create a calculation for charge per bag/cost per bag for waste per household. How much waste does the average household create?

Side note: the recycling truck picks up 4 days a week on the weeks there is recycling.

Item V:

- A. Report by Chair
 - a. John had a meeting with the Assistant Town Manager, Loius Reid, regarding:
 - i. An extension for the waste contract. The Town Manager, Stephen Gunty, has had one meeting with BBI and is working on an extension
 - ii. Brought up the topic of weekly recycling
 - iii. Scheduling a work shop with the town council and the recycling committee to go over directions and expectations for the recycling committee
 - iv. Setting up two contracts one for hauling waste and another for hauling recycling.
- B. Off topic:
 - a. How is trash containerized? Concerns around haulers picking up for multiple towns and charging to OOB. How is this sort of thing enforced?
 - b. Could there be specifically colored bags for OOB? Scarborough, Gorham use different colors so OOB is not charged for others' waste.
 - c. Bill motioned to pursue the concept of PAYT
 - i. Questions around PAYT. A concern that PAYT rewards a person for recycling and not having to pay for bags. Jetta explained PAYT is a way to fairly distribute the cost of waste pick up.
 - ii. Question regarding what other programs are available besides PAYT.
 - 1. Residence take care of disposing of their own waste
 - 2. Straight pick up. No recycling
 - 3. Pick up with recycling every other week
 - 4. Pick up with recycling every week
 - 5. Segregating, not through taxes, PAYT
 - 6. Automated system; similar to Saco
 - a. Two stream system limited by how much the barrel can hold
 - b. This would have an initial start up cost to purchase barrels and for trucks if the contractor did not already have trucks.
 - 7. Labels for bags.
- C. Back to report from chair
 - a. There needs to be accountability for both streams, waste and recycling
 - b. Numbers are not clear on exact tons of waste that are produced
 - i. 7486 tons-2003
 - ii. 4375 tons-2007
 - iii. Question of whether commercial waste is being hauled somewhere else
 - iv. 2006 also saw a large drop in commercial waste and it is not clear why.
 - c. Need to have a better understanding of the solid waste ordinances
 - d. Discussion regarding how Maine Energy Recovery (MERC) works and their need to have towns provide a certain amount of waste per year for burning.
 - e. Kenny Hunter explained the 'spot market' for commercial hauling/flow control.
 - f. What is acceptable waste will need to be spelled out in the ordinance.
 - i. Generally a weight limit and material limit- house hold waste vs. demolition
 - ii. Questions of whether recycling bins will need to be provided and different ideas for sorting recyclables.
 - iii. Bill recommended that there be someone who can over see all the changes and keep track of all the records and numbers for waste hauling.
 - g. John suggested that labels be made for household waste cans so that the hauler can identify which is waste and which is recycling.
 - i. Brown Fox Printing can create an 8 ½" x 11", label stock, weather proof, 4000 count, 5 signs per sheet, black & white for \$524. , and green for \$547.
- D. Tool Kit Assistance Grant from Maine Recycles
 - a. An on line tool kit at Mainerecycles.com is available to towns and municipalities to down load and modify. The program is offering up matching grants up to \$500. For out reach and education for things such as banners and websites.

Item VI:

Education and Outreach Sub-committee came up with a list:

We decided right now until we have all the information as to what the program will be we would put together a list of people we would like to outreach to. Here is that list:

B.R.A.S.[Bar and Restaurant Assoc.]

Schools [Natural Helpers Program]

Chamber of Commerce[They can put our info into things they hand or send out]

Neighborhood Organizations

Church Groups

Veterans Groups

American Legion

Condo Assoc.

Small Business Assoc. OOB

Hotel/Motel Assoc.

Camp Grounds

Fireman Assoc.

Police Assoc.

1.)Summer programs for school kids

2.)Educate Restaurant and other businesses about not using Styrofoam.

3.)Want to make sure if we do Pay to Throw/Recycle to Save we want to make sure that there is an ordinance to be enforced regarding folks using barrels for trash pick up.

4.) Find places that might have Recycle bins to sell that can be put into recycle info.

Item VII:

- A. Jetta will go over the waste and recycling ordinance
- B. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7 PM.
- C. Bill Farley will not be able to attend.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 PM

s/Suzanne Scalise

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Scalise

Secretary Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee