

**Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee**  
**Meeting: Tuesday, August 24, 2010**  
**Location: Old Orchard Beach Town Hall Chambers**

Present: Cris Hudson, Fred Dolgon, John Weaver, Jacqui Deveneau, Megan McLaughlin, Paul Niemczyk  
Not Present:

Guest: Jerry Begert

7:10 PM Meeting convened.

**Item I:**

**Meeting Minutes**

- Question about the “DPW” needs help?
- Fred and Cris do not need to make new handouts
- Cris and John approve changes to the minutes

**Item II:**

**Welcome Paul to the committee**

- The committee is glad to have Paul as a new member to our committee

**Item III:**

**Fred’s write up**

- No more information to add to the write up.
- Goodwill definitely takes computers

**Item IV:**

**Hotel Card, how is it going?**

- John was able to get out a couple of hotel cards.
- The cards need to be distributed by labor day

**Item V:**

**Pay to throw**

- Jack set up a small committee and went to Gorham and Sanford to see how their programs work
- The first month there was a good return on recycling (9-49%)
- 80 – 100 tons of trash now since pay to throw
- If people start to reduce, there will be less trash
- There will be a vote in November as to whether or not to keep pay per throw
- Effective poster that the committee could use is “from waste to zero”
- Since pay per throw no town has found an issue with roadside dumping
- In the first week, about 96% were complying, then 98%, and now only about 3/6000 people are not complying
- To promote pay per bag about 3 weeks before Sanford and Gorham implemented it they mailed FAQ and how it works, etc. to all the residents. They tried to mail trash bags with letters, however, the PO boxes did not get mailed to
- The committee could have BBI drop off letters to people or have a committee member go to people’s houses. That might require about 4, 6 hour days to get to every house in town
- BBI will send two mailings a year, the committee makes it up and they will distribute it to people
- Should pay per bag be implemented in September, May, or January? If it is in September then they will be able to catch all the summer people while they are here
- If pay per bag is implemented in January the summer people will be able to just fall into the routine and the kinks that happen in the beginning should already be worked out. Unless the summer people get confused and do not comply this could cause a big mess.
- The tax payers need to be promised that they will get a reduction in taxes and not double charged with pay-per-bag.

**Item VI:**

**Recycling bins downtown**

- The bins are still there and people are using them
- The committee needs to get some more bins, and find people who might design them

**Item VII:**

**Presentation when, where**

- Fred came up with the idea to keep the presentation light and funny with something like “The Great American Recycling Quiz,” or simon says.
- Jacqui says no game for a presentation to 365, keep it simple and educational. A presentation for about 10-20 people.
- Cris will create a version of the presentation for 9/14

**Item VIII:**

**Silver Bullet**

- The silver bullet is being picked up 2 times a week, usually picked up on Monday
- The committee needs to keep an eye on the silver bullet and see how often non-recyclable objects are placed in front of it

**Item IX:**

**New Business**

- September 25<sup>th</sup> is the Ecomaine open house (get a recycling bin – win a kayak – get a tour of the facility)
- Need to come up with a facebook fanpage for the committee. Megan will work on it.

Cris motioned to adjourn

John seconded

9:10 PM the meeting adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is for **September 14, 2010**

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan McLaughlin

Secretary of the Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee