

Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee
Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Location: OOB High School Library

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

Not present: Bill Farley

Guest: Kenny Hunter-BBI, Missi Labbe-EcoMaine, Mary Ann Conroy-Public Works, Robin Dayton-Vice Chair OOB Town Council

7:07 PM Meeting convened.

Item I:

- A. Meeting minutes from 03-10-09 read by Suzanne
Cris motioned to accept meeting minutes as read
Jetta seconded
All in favor
Meeting minutes accepted as read

MaryAnn Conroy asked if item IV on the agenda, 'Discussion on Recycling Material Disposal Options', could be moved to Item II.

Item II:

Item IV was moved to item II.

- A. MaryAnn emailed, on 03/23/09, a draft ***Request For Proposal*** to the members of the Recycling Committee for their perusal to give them an idea of what an RFP looked like. The RFP that was sent out was an example of a 'Sale and/or Disposition of Residential Single-sort Recycling Commodities' from Saco.
- B. Missi explained that what EcoMaine has to offer is:
 - a. Spot market program
 - b. Contract where EcoMaine doesn't charge for drop off but also does not pay out – Revenue Neutral
This contract offers a 7 year, revenue neutral contract with a 3 year extension option
 - c. Contract where the haulers are paid a portion of the going rate for the commodities market when there is a profit and during times of no profit paying when need be-Revenue Sharing
- C. Cris asked for clarity around the \$2500. that Blow Brothers is charging OOB to pick up recycling
 - a. Robin answered that there was an extension granted by the town council to BBI for 6 months.
 - b. Confusion around Request for Proposal (RFP): John Bird wanted the group to know that the RFP will not move forward with out the recommendation/involvement of the recycling committee.
 - c. Missi clarified that the agreement/contract from EcoMaine would be the same as that which was presented previously
 - d. John Bird clarified that OOB is locked into bringing waste to MERC
 - e. Missi tried to clarify what the intent of EcoMaine is. She reiterated that the Public Works Department and Town Manager were sent contracts from EcoMaine for their review before the Recycling Committee was started back up again in February (02-10-09). That the expectation is that EcoMaine would lock into a contract. OOB would need to buy into a contract using one of 3 standard offerings:
 - i. A revenue sharing program
 - ii. A revenue neutral program
 - iii. A spot market program
 - f. There was some concern over the cost associated with hauling just recycling
 - f. It was brought up that the Recycling Committees needs to come up with several recommendations for hauling recyclables
 - g. There was some discussion on how the current system works. Hauling recycling vs. hauling waste
 - h. Robin stated that what the council is looking for is a list of recommendations from the Recycling Committee to help create the RFP.

- i. Mary Ann went over the draft RFP that she had sent to the group. Some of the topics she pointed out were:
 - i. A project description
 - ii. What is an acceptable amount of recycling?
 - iii. What is an acceptable number of years for the contract?
 - iv. What companies are out there that could do the work?
 - v. What would happen if the company OOB contracted with went out of business?
- j. MaryAnn was talking about a 2 week turn around time for the proposal
- k. There was a question around how EcoMaine sorts vs. Other Facilities. Missi conveyed that the only pre-sorted product is cardboard/paper any other segregated items such as glass and metal would be treated the same as a single stream/sort process.
- l. Jetta had a question/statement around the RFP and how to keep the verbiage open so that it does keep open multi-stream recycling. Other things to think about included education, recycling bins--having a creative approach to the RFP
- m. If there needs to be a better understanding of what a company does or represents there can be Request For Information (RFI)? Not really necessary at this level.
- n. There are other companies in Maine that handle recycling not just EcoMaine.
- o. Cris asked for clarity around the Pay As You Throw program.
At the first recycling meeting there had been interest in the PAYT system. It had felt like there had been a decision made that this was what the group supported. John Bird said there was no decision made about PAYT being the only way to go.
- p. Who is authorized to write the RFP? The Selection Board is.
- q. What kind of RFP did other towns such as Bath, Scarborough put together? The committee could use this information to help with the creation of the recommendation for the council.
- D. There seemed to be much confusion around the rolls of all the parts/people/committees involved in the process.
 - a. Robin wanted to know what's the vision for the recycling committee?
 - b. What does the committee want to accomplish? What is best for the town?
 - c. What do you like and dis-like about the current system? Use the answers to these questions to help guide you in creating the recommendation.
 - d. There is another group in Maine that takes recyclables besides EcoMaine and that is Maine Resource Recovery Association.
 - e. Biddefords' recycling system is they have to drop off their recycling. It is a multiple sort recycling system.
 - f. Other things to consider when putting together a recommendation:
 - i. Where is recycling getting disposed of?
 - ii. What is getting picked up?
 - iii. Who will run the transfer station?
 - iv. What other things can the company OOB contracts with do for OOB? Composting? Taking clothing? Construction salvaging?
 - v. Why not consider including a clause to consider commercial pick up that would include condos and parks?
 - g. The Education and Outreach sub-committee would like to consider putting recycling fliers in the town tax bills when they are sent out. Included could be transfer station hours and information about the Salvation Army drop boxes.

Item III:

Maine Recycles Tool Kit Application. Previously item VI on the Agenda. Time sensitive.

- A. Friday (03-27-09) is the deadline for the application to be submitted.
- B. Cris went over the application that the Ed/Outreach subcommittee had put together. Some of the highlights from that were:
 - a. OOB Recycles Signs when entering the town
 - b. Recycling bins in the down town area

- c. Stuff The Magic Dragon idea
 - d. Literature to local businesses that recycling saves money
 - e. Advertisements in the local paper regarding recycling
 - f. How to deal with Styrofoam
- C. How to determine what the application should focus? Jetta will meet with Cris.
 - D. Thought about Earth Day and how the recycling committee can get involved. Possibly with the elementary school. Jacqui will contact Louis Reid.
 - E. Fred motioned to have the Education sub-committee submit an application to the state for matching funds. John weaver seconded. The application will need to be signed by Mary Ann and forwarded to the state.

Item IV:

Report by Chair

- A. John Bird conveyed that he had forwarded information to the town recommending that the town pick up recycling on a weekly basis. It was not accepted.
- B. John Bird will request a meeting with the town council

Cris motioned to adjourn.

John Weaver seconded the motion.

9:09 PM the meeting adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is for the second Tuesday in April, April 14, 2009.

s/Suzanne Scalise

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Scalise

Secretary Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee