

**Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee**  
**Meeting, Tuesday, January 12, 2010**  
**Location: Old Orchard Beach High School Library**

Present: Jacqui Deveneau, Fred Dolgan, Suzanne Scalise and John Weaver

Not Present: Bill Farley, Cris Hudson

Guest: John Bird, Megan McLaughlin

7:04 PM Meeting convened.

**Item I:**

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes from 12-15-09 up for approval

John W motioned to accept the minutes

Jacqui seconded

All in favor

Meeting minutes accepted

**Item II:**

**Silver Bullet**

-there was an email sent to the members of the recycling regarding concerns about the silver bullet.

Concerns were regarding the inability to use the bullet because it always appears full.

-John W shared that the turn around time from when he calls BBI to pick up averages about 24 hours .

-2<sup>nd</sup> bullet should be placed somewhere in town.

All agree that the department of public works would be a good place since it would mean that it could be regularly monitored and it is close to a number of residences that do not have curb side pick.

**Item III:**

**Groups that take stuff**

-Freddy made some calls. Many people have not gotten back to him such as his contact at Sweetser and Pierre Hillaire.

-Maybe should start with a clean slate. Create a list of people/places that take stuff.

For example:

Clothing can be brought to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, Methodist Church on Washington St.  
(post their contact info address, tele number, email, webpage)

Old electronics can be brought to Goodwill retail stores in Maine, NH and Northern VT  
(again, post all contact info)

Furniture call Salvation Army or Goodwill (post all contact info)

Offer up other resources such as Freecycle as a resource for keeping things out of the waste stream.

**Item IV:**

**Workshop Agenda**

**A) Silver Bullet**

1-need an additional silver bullet at the DPW or another spot in OOB

2-possibility of a 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet somewhere in the town

3-need someone to help monitor the bullets. Possibly, 15 minutes a day to help break down corrugate, place items left outside the bullet into the container. Remove items that are not recyclable or contact proper resource for pick up. Possibly, a student from OOBHS who might need community service hours, the DPW, local hotel/motels, contractors?

**B) Recycling Downtown**

1-Is this waste currently picked up by a sub-contractor or the town?

2-What, realistically, can be recycled? Bottles & cans. Newspapers?

There should be three bins placed together. One for waste, one for returnables and one for recycling.

Is the beach waste picked up by a sub-contractor or the town/DPW?

What about the sponsor a can idea? What would happen in a year? What would happen next year?

Buy a new can advertisement? Get repainted every year? Size of can? Size and type of artwork?

**C) Beach Recycling**

1-same questions as above.

**D) Pay as you throw (PAYT)**

1-town has to determine if they want to move forward with this concept and if they do then a date needs to be set so that the program can move forward along with resident education

2-it is a way to get people to recycling

3-should really have an 18 month window to get the program up and running.

4-recycling committee should look into how other towns have succeeded in implementing this program.

**E) Numbers from BBI, MERC and EcoMaine**

1-John has had problems getting numbers on a regular basis from all of the above mentioned.

2-How can the town council support the recycling committee in getting the numbers they need regarding the recycling program and waste?

**F) Other projects the town council might want to have the recycling group work on**

**Item V:**

**Vice Chair and New Members**

Table until the next meeting. Would like all members present for this.

**Item VI:**

**New Business**

Good and welfare

Murder Mystery play at OOBHS. Group activity Tuesday and Wednesday evening for anyone who would like to participate.

Work shop next Wednesday with the town council, January 20, 2010. A dual workshop with the finance committee.

EcoMaine contest. Louis Reid would like to nominate the Recycling Committee. Some of the group's accomplishments over the past year have been:

-creation of a couple of different stickers that support recycling

-brochures/fliers using a matching state grant

-initiation of weekly recycling pick up

-silver bullet placed in town which is monitored on a daily basis by recycling volunteers

-Cable access channel information and a video created in conjunction with the OOBHS Drama Club

-Election Day information table

-Car show information table

-all volunteer time

John Bird-Charter Committee

-question of whether the recycling committee feels they should remain a free standing committee or a sub-committee of the conservation committee? No clear answer at this point.

-Community garden, any chance that it could be up and running this spring/summer? Saco does this and the information is on the town webpage. Future issue: how to deal with compost.

John motioned to adjourn

Jacqui seconded

8:27 PM the meeting adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is for the second Tuesday in January, January 26, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Scalise

Secretary Old Orchard Beach Recycling Committee