

**Town of Cape Elizabeth  
Recycling Committee  
Virtual Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2022**

**Present:** Chair, Tim Trachimowicz (TT), Stephanie Austin (SA), Jennifer MacDonald (JM), Kara Lavender Law (KL), Eve Downing (ED), Jenna Pfueller (JP)

**Absent:** Bruce Rayner (BR)

**Staff:** Jay Reynolds (JR), Director of Public Works (absent)

**Public/Guests:** None

**1. Call to Order**

TT called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**2. Citizens Opportunity for Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**3. Approval of February 3, 2022 Draft Meeting Minutes**

The February 3, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as submitted by a roll call vote.

**6 Yes, 0 No**

4. ED proposed the committee begin a Q&A series with common questions about recycling, which could be published in the Cape Courier and/or on the Committee webpage or Facebook page. The committee was in favor and after discussion about sample topics, which could be sustainability-themed in addition to recycling-focused, ED agreed to draft a one-page concept paper and to reach out to the Courier to ask if they are interested in running a recurring column.
5. TT presented the draft 2022 committee goals and, with a few minor edits, the committee agreed to finalize these and send to Town Council.
6. SA talked to a person at Portland Water District about the 2021 application for an outdoor water refilling station that was not selected for funding. She learned that it was very competitive with many applications, and we were encouraged to reapply. The committee discussed how to strengthen the application for 2022 and also brainstormed other potential funding sources we might approach, including private businesses, local associations and corporations. KL will update the Fort Williams Committee. KL reported on efforts to support sustainability at the upcoming Cape Challenge 5K to be held in June, including a call for volunteers on the day of the event.
7. In JR's absence, the committee postponed the recycling center update to the next meeting.

8. SA inquired whether the committee has ever discussed the option of Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) in Cape Elizabeth. KL shared the most recent history on the issue, including the 2015 Solid Waste & Recycling Long Range Planning Committee report, which led to the most recent major upgrades to the Recycling Center and did not include curbside pickup or PAYT programs.

**9. Citizens Opportunity for Discussion of Items on the Agenda**

No members of the public were in attendance.

10. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 PM

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara Lavender Law