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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 27, 2009  
TO: Recycling Committee  
FROM: Kevin Roche, General Manager  
SUBJECT: April 2, 2009 Meeting Agenda

There is a meeting of the Recycling Committee scheduled for Thursday, April 2, at 4:00 p.m. at **ecomaine**.

**AGENDA:**

1. Review and approval of the 03/05/09 meeting minutes (**Attachment A**)
2. Eco-Excellence Award Ceremony Recap (**Attachment B**)
3. Update on Regionalizing Silver Bullet and Curbside Collection Hauling Services of Recycling and MSW RFP
4. Consideration of CFL "best practices" & Collection Issues
5. Recycling Updates:
  - Discussion of current market conditions
  - Tonnage and marketing reports
  - Recycling Budget (**Attachment C**)
6. Other

*Next Recycling Committee Meeting Date: May 7, 2009 @ 4:00PM*

cc: Board of Directors

**ecomaine  
Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2009**

**Committee Members present:** Dick Brobst, Troy Moon, John Miller, Sarah Wojcoski, Willis Lord, Len Van Gaasbeek, Travis Wagner, Patti Smith, Bonny Rodden and Susan McGinty

**ecomaine Staff present:** Missi Labbe, Kevin Roche, Shelley Dunn, and Alison McCrady

**Invited Guest:** Heather Jackson, MDEP

**Agenda Items**

**1. Review of 2/05/09 meeting minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Brobst. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Heather P. Jackson, Maine DEP: CFL Recycling Program Update and Proper Mercury Handling and Clean Up**

Ms. Jackson from the Maine DEP provided a power point presentation that discussed research recently completed regarding home use of mercury containing CFL bulbs. She further detailed the DEP's recommendation for proper handling in the event of breakage and data regarding the State of Maine's recycling program for CFL's.

**3. Eco-Excellence Award Update**

Ms. Dunn provided the committee with a handout to show the response to the invitations to the award ceremony scheduled for 3/24/09.

**4. Update on Executive Committee discussion of processing of recyclables at the WTE.**

The meeting scheduled for 2PM on 2/19/09 to further discuss the potential for processing of 3-7 plastics at the waste to energy facility was canceled. Mr. Roche updated the committee on discussions that determined that 3-7 plastic would have some operational inefficiencies that need to be considered in the evaluation. At this point, the material will continue to be marketed, even at a negative number, so long as the cost doesn't get too high. Over the last couple of months, the cost to market 3-7 plastic has improved to \$15 per ton. Ms. Rodden questioned the ethical aspects of recycling 3-7. Ms. McGinty commented that she was very unhappy that the meeting had been canceled without allowing for further discussion. Mr. Moon suggested that individuals might do independent research on

the topic. The committee agreed that they would be open to additional comment and further discussion at a later date.

**5. Regionalizing Silver Bullet Hauling Services**

Mr. Roche provided an update on progress toward issuing the RFP. The committee was informed that more time had been requested by the town managers of the towns involved, to allow for additional comment and discussion regarding the RFP document. There was concern regarding the formula proposed for allocation of waste and recyclables.

**6. Recycling Updates**

*Current Market Conditions*

Mr. Roche updated the committee on the current condition of the recycling commodities markets and material movement.

*Tonnage and Marketing Reports*

Recycling tonnage in February 2009 was 2078 tons, which is below last year's tonnage of 2139 in February 2008.

**7. Other**

Mr. Moon informed the committee that the Natural Resources Committee will be hearing a bill to make manufacturers pay to recycle additional electronic devices. Mr. Moon stated that he would be testifying at this hearing in favor of this bill.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm**

**The next meeting will be Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 4pm at ecomaine**

# ecomaine 2009 eco-Excellence Awards

the future of regional waste systems

Date:	March 24, 2009	March 18, 2008	April 24, 2007	March 19, 2006
Communities:	30	26	21	11
Framed Awards:	33	31	21 (2 not attending)	12
Attendance:	90	90	35 awards	N/A Presented before each town gov't (July-Sept)



*Grand Award presentation to Broadturn Farm, Scarborough: Tony Plante, John Bliss, Stacy Brenner (seated, with daughter), Troy Moon, and Kevin Roche.*



- Individualized news releases will be sent with photos as soon as possible.
- Guests included Paul Bell, president of Conversion Products (Biddeford), maker of the rocking chair; Eugene Alley, deputy director of and Donna Gray, assistant to the Sanford Public Works Department.
- Gift to winners was a duffel bag made from recycled material and framed award certificate.
- 2009 addition: table for "idea exchange" of printed matter
- Longer period for interaction (informal at lunch, more structured after lunch).
- Winners included all ages, individual/groups/businesses.
- Summary statements and photos regarding each winner will be posted on our Web site and sent to participants
- Back-drop with logo for photo (to be used for other events and accomplishments, as well).
- Tours given of recycling facility and landfill (excellent participation).

#### Feedback from:

Sandy Neill, Grade Four Teacher  
Pownal Elementary School  
Member, Pownal Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

"We wanted to thank you for a meaningful and fun day yesterday and for providing the three kids from Pownal with the recognition they deserve. As kids will do, they initially expressed the thought that it was going to be boring but all were interested to hear what others were doing and found the tour of the recycling facility fascinating. One of the recipients, Matt Nielsen, now wants to work for ecomaine!

Please pass on our thanks to all involved."

**Statement of Revenue and Expenses  
Eight Months Ended February 28, 2009**

	8 Months Ended <u>2/28/2008</u>	12 Months FY'09 <u>Budget</u>	8 Months Ended <u>2/28/2009</u>	% Compared to Annual <u>Budget</u>	8 Months 2008 vs. <u>2009</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Municipal Assessments	\$ 3,140,263	\$ 4,678,654	\$ 3,145,894	67.2%	\$ 5,631
Municipal Tipping Fees	3,425,484	5,040,128	3,265,173	64.8%	(160,311)
Commercial Tipping Fees	4,296,154	6,331,709	3,746,354	59.2%	(549,800)
Associate Members	569,181	866,149	593,124	68.5%	23,943
Cash Deliveries	296,252	411,056	185,221	45.1%	(111,031)
Oily Waste	1,130	2,500	664	26.6%	(466)
Spot Market	570,137	1,000,000	1,168,669	116.9%	598,532
Total Tipping Fees	<u>\$ 12,298,601</u>	<u>\$ 18,330,196</u>	<u>\$12,105,099</u>	66.0%	<u>\$ (193,502)</u>
Electrical	3,194,925	5,826,649	4,262,028	73.1%	1,067,103
Recycling	1,774,385	2,401,086	1,820,168	75.8%	45,783
Investment Income	311,827	300,000	95,413	31.8%	(216,414)
Stack Rental	31,077	50,000	53,301	106.6%	22,224
Gorham Property Assessments	0	110,000	73,333	66.7%	73,333
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>\$ 17,610,815</u>	<u>\$ 27,017,931</u>	<u>\$18,409,342</u>	68.1%	<u>\$ 798,527</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Recycling	\$ 1,004,215	\$ 1,810,271	\$ 1,024,770	56.6%	\$ (20,555)
Residuals Disposal	490,664	1,791,710	917,410	51.2%	(426,746)
Administration	962,542	2,354,102	1,187,263	50.4%	(224,721)
Operations	5,219,646	8,696,393	5,465,920	62.9%	(246,274)
Host Community Payments	1,726	555,000	370,000	66.7%	(368,274)
Contingent	2,759	376,750	(23,893)	-6.3%	26,652
Interest expense	1,682,034	1,870,000	1,488,535	79.6%	193,499
Depreciation					
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 9,363,586</u>	<u>\$ 17,454,226</u>	<u>\$10,430,005</u>	59.8%	<u>\$ (1,066,419)</u>
<b>Revenues less expenses</b>	<u>\$ 8,247,229</u>	<u>\$ 9,563,705</u>	<u>\$ 7,979,337</u>		<u>\$ (267,892)</u>