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Cape Elizabeth's Jamie Garvin receives 2016 eco-Excellence Community Award

Awards Honor Individuals, Organizations or Businesses Who Demonstrated Commitment to Environmental Sustainability in 2015

PORTLAND, MAINE – (March 24, 2016) Cape Elizabeth resident and city councilor Jamie Garvin received a 2016 eco-Excellence Award for his work to reduce the amount of waste generated by the town of Cape Elizabeth.

“For his tireless dedication to leading the town of Cape Elizabeth through example to embrace sustainability in a safe and forward-looking fashion, we are proud to recognize Jamie Garvin with this eco-Excellence Award,” said ecomaine CEO Kevin Roche. “Jamie has driven important initiatives and walks the talk of the waste hierarchy every day to leave the smallest carbon footprint in his path.”

Jamie Garvin is described as being always upbeat and continually seeking ways to get his neighbors involved in recycling. He has found many ways to “push the needle” on reducing the amount of waste the town of Cape Elizabeth generates.

“Jamie was always at the town’s public events, bringing his tent and tables to facilitate the Recycling Committee’s booth, taking as much of his personal time as he could to teach and inform people about home composting,” said ecomaine Recycling Committee Chairperson Erik Street, who presented the award. “You’ll see him Saturdays at the transfer site with his boys checking out the treasures at the Swap Shop and engaging folks about recycling.”

During his tenure of five years with the town’s recycling committee, Garvin served year three as secretary and the last two as Chair. In 2015, Jamie dedicated many hours as the recycling committee’s representative on Cape Elizabeth’s Long Range Planning Committee, which developed and submitted a comprehensive plan to build a new design for the town’s transfer site. This is a plan that will be carried out by the current recycling committee now that Jamie has termed out from serving on the committee.

The eco-Excellence Award winners are selected based on effectiveness, increasing awareness, community impact and ease of replication of their initiatives or programs. Other criteria include:

- Each municipality may have an award winner in both the community and business categories.

- Any person or organization may submit multiple entries; self-nomination is encouraged.
- All effort or activities in support of sustainability are eligible for award, regardless of size or scope.
- Award recipients may be individuals, organizations or businesses.
- There is no age limit.
- The nominated activity must have occurred during 2015 or be ongoing to be eligible.
- Nominees must live, work or be located in the municipality for which the award will be given; that municipality must be one of the 55 ecomaine communities.

Photo caption:

Ecomaine Recycling Committee Chair and Board Member Erik Street, left, and ecomaine CEO Kevin Roche, right, presented a 2016 eco-Excellence Award to Jamie Garvin, center, during the 2016 eco-Excellence Awards luncheon at ecomaine's offices in Portland March 23.



ecomaine is the nonprofit, recycling and waste-to-energy operation that serves 25 percent of the state's population; it is owned by 20 communities and is located in Portland, Maine.

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