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Memorandum

DATE: May 27, 2021
TO: Chair and Members of the Board
FROM: Kevin H. Roche, CEO
SUBJECT: Outreach & Recycling Committee Minutes – May 27, 2021

The **ecomaine** Outreach & Recycling Committee met May 27 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Caleb Hemphill, Chairman.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Rob Wood moved to approve April minutes, Dave Durrell seconded and all unanimously approved.
2. Update – School Grants Program
 - Status Report – FY 21: staff provided an overview of receive final reports from the 2020-21 grant cycle, with final reports to come by May 28.
 - Staff gave an overview of delays encountered by the Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine’s Portland Clubhouse on their grant project. Rob Wood moved to authorize staff to provide an extension to June 30, 2021. Dave Durrell seconded and all unanimously approved.
 - FY22 Grants will shift to the spring, with an initial award in May/June 2022, so that schools and projects can plan early and implement projects throughout the following school year.
3. Update – Recycling Tagging Program
 - Staff provided an update on the current tagging program and the start to the next round in July (FY22 will see three, 10-week tagging rounds).
4. Looking Ahead to FY22
 - Staff provided an overview of the timeline for the *Recycling is a Work of Art* contest, which will begin over the summer and be considered by the Committee at its September meeting.
 - Staff provided an update on the challenges of holding the 2021 Open House, due to COVID uncertainty and the growth in expenses of an e-waste collection event. The Committee provided some additional input for e-waste vendors, which will be pursued by staff.
5. Outreach & Education Report
 - Staff provided an overview of outreach and P.R. metrics for FY21 to date.
6. Recycling Market Report
 - Staff provided an overview of recent market activity and pricing for recyclable commodities.
7. Other/New Business

- Chairman gave a reminder of the Annual Meeting on June 17 and thanked the Committee members and staff for a good year on the Committee, and looked forward to next year.

Rob Wood made the motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Caleb Hemphill seconded. All approved.

Attendees: Caleb Hemphill, David Durrell, Erik Street, Jamie Garvin, Rob Wood

Staff: Matt Grondin, Lena Ives, Vanessa Berry, Katrina Venhuizen