

ecomaine

Memorandum

DATE: April 13, 2023
TO: Chair and Members of the Board
FROM: Kevin H. Roche, CEO
SUBJECT: Outreach & Recycling Committee Minutes – April 13, 2023

The **ecomaine** Outreach & Recycling Committee met April 13. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Caleb Hemphill, Chairman.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Linda Boudreau moved to approve February 9's minutes; Troy Moon seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Judging – Upcycle Challenge:

The Committee reviewed the entries for 2023's Upcycle Challenge, and decided on three finalists, to be voted on by the public, online through 8PM on April 30:

 - Aurora Milton, Cape Elizabeth High School: an all-new jumper made from old clothing (an old dress, old pants, with a touch from an old homecoming dress; 2022 winner)
 - Emma, Ruby, Christine & Scarlett, Fiddlehead Center for the Arts, Scarborough: a doll house from an old wreath box, with furniture, curtains, and accessories made from old straws, cardboard, paper, paper and toilet paper tubes, left over flooring tiles, sharpie caps etc. (Fiddlehead Center for the Arts was 2021's winner)
 - The Intercultural Community Center, Westbrook: a wind chime to replace the ICC's old one, made from an upcycled bike wheel, glass bottles, and pages from old books (also includes natural materials: seashells, pinecones, and leaves)

The Committee also suggested recognition for Sydney Doyle of Mt. Ararat Middle School, who submitted an entry of reusable tote bags made from old pet food bags (ineligible because the school does not serve any ecomaine member communities). Staff will send Sydney an ecomaine sustainability prize pack.

3. FY23 P.R. & Outreach Metrics – staff provided a look at FY23's metrics to date
4. Program updates – staff provided updates on the progress of the following:
 - ecofest Community Event – April 22, 2023
 - School Waste Diversion Grants Update (to be considered at the May 25 Committee meeting)
 - i. Final reports from 2022-23 due April 30
 - ii. Proposals for 2023-24 due May 12
 - Annual Meeting (June 15, 2023)
5. Recycling Market Report: Staff presented the handout of recycling markets/pricing

6. Other Business: The Committee recognized the service at ecomaine of Katrina Venhuizen, who will be departing after April 22, 2023.

Linda Boudreau made the motion to adjourn at 5:11 p.m. Rob Wood seconded.

Attendees: Caleb Hemphill, Linda Boudreau, Linda Cohen, Troy Moon, Rob Wood

Staff: Matt Grondin, Katrina Venhuizen, Nate Cronauer