

Dover Recycling Committee  
Minutes of 2/4/08

**Present:** Abby Howe, Kerry O'Brien, Roz Malcom, Fran Aikman, Becky Gladstone, Christine Heer, John O'Keefe

**Minutes** of 1/28/08 were approved

**Treasurer's report** has not changed from 1/28/08

Girl's lax is manning the **deposit trailer** for Feb. Fran has been in touch with a captain's parent.

**Meeting Dates:** 3/10, 3/24 (pre Town wide clean up), 4/7, 5/5, 6/2 In celebration of Earth Day members of the committee will organize Mary's swap shop and the deposit trailer and generally be a presence at the Transfer Station on 4/19.

The **Town Report** has been submitted and Abby is completing the **Municipal Recycling Data** sheet to submit to the DEP so we are eligible for grants.

Kerry, Fran and Claire will visit **Wellesley Transfer Station** on 2/5. They hope to clarify Wellesley's plastic collection categories. They will e-mail their findings.

Kerry will speak with Craig about the feasibility of the Recycling Committee purchasing a new trailer for deposit containers.

**Schools:** Becky will speak with the janitor at Chickering about cardboard recycling. Kerry spoke with Vinny Ferrara at the HS. He reported that the canables are working well although he continues to take what is collected home to recycle it. Abby investigated the free clear plastic bags. Unfortunately they are very large, sometimes have a split bottom and need to be picked up in Fort Devens. Abby will look into the cost of purchasing them locally. Kerry and Ralph Kelly (head custodian of the Regional Schools) will visit Casella on 4/6. They will tour the facility and learn about the single stream recycling process.

**Town wide clean up day 3/29/08:** John will contact last year's neighborhood coordinators and reach out to some new ones. John will talk with Craig and get him to order bags. Abby will contact the community service director at the HS to get a group of students to help sort the recyclables collected at the Transfer Station.

**Recycling bins:** Fran will research cost, % that is recycled plastic and order more bins.

John updated everyone on **mercury**. Unfortunately there is mercury in many items including the supposedly "green" twisty light bulbs. We should write an article on this for the local papers.

Next meeting 3/10 @ 8:15 in the Highway Garage.