

# ecomaine

## Memorandum

**DATE:** November 8, 2018

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board

**FROM:** Kevin H. Roche, CEO

**SUBJECT:** **Outreach & Recycling Committee Minutes – November 8, 2018**

The **ecomaine** Outreach & Recycling Committee met November 8. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Caleb Hemphill, Chairman.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Maxine Beecher moved to approve both minutes, Rob Wood seconded and all unanimously approved.
2. Open House Survey Review & Follow Up
  - Matt provided an overview of the survey that followed the 2018 Open House, as well as feedback from Board and staff, which has been generally very positive.
3. School Recycling Grants Program
  - The Committee adjudicated 13 proposals, and awarded grants to each of the applicants (though in some cases, not awarding the full request). The Committee awarded \$20,750 in total. The grantees are:
    - i. Chelsea: Chelsea Elementary School, \$450 for field trip to ecomaine and reusable coffee pods for teachers
    - ii. Hollis: Hollis Elementary School, \$1,118 for a variety of materials for recycling and composting
    - iii. Liberty: Waldo County Technical Center, \$500 for recycling bins and a field trip to ecomaine
    - iv. Portland:
      1. Deering High School, \$1,500 for recycling bins and ecomaine stickers
      2. Portland High School, \$4,000 to replace paper towel dispensers with efficient hand dryers
    - v. Sanford: Carl J. Lamb Elementary School, \$980 for recycling bins, ecomaine education/field trip, and materials for the school's Recycling Team
    - vi. Scarborough: Scarborough High School, \$1,600 to replace paper towel dispensers with efficient hand dryers
    - vii. Shapleigh: Shapleigh Memorial School, \$1,175 for ecomaine field trip, zero waste table construction, recycling bins & transportation, materials
    - viii. South Portland:
      1. Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine, \$1,530 for composting program

2. Roots & Fruits Pre-School, \$850 for vermiculture materials and information
  - ix. Vinalhaven: Vinalhaven School, \$3,150 for various recycling supplies – bins, custodial trucks, transportation.
  - x. Waterboro: Waterboro Elementary, \$1,700 for sustainability-themed field trips, including to ecomaine, food waste reduction, and materials, including a new zero waste table
  - xi. Waterville: Thomas College, \$2,191 for various sizes of recycling bins for dormitories and other buildings, support for student attendance at Green Campus Coalition meetings.
4. eco-Excellence Awards
    - Matt gave an overview of the timeline for the 2019 eco-Excellence Awards, including dates for announcements and Awards ceremony, and encouraged Committee members to nominate and share in their communities.
  5. Outreach & Education
    - Matt provided a brief overview of ecomaine’s educational outreach and media reach since September. FY19’s numbers continue to track ahead of FY18’s.
  6. Recycling Market Report
    - Tabled
  7. No other/new business was presented.
  8. Meeting adjournment:
    - Rob Wood motioned to adjourn, Caleb Hemphill seconded and all unanimously approved adjourning at 6:24 p.m.

**Attendees:** Caleb Hemphill, Rob Wood, Robert Randall, Alan Bradstreet, Maxine Beecher, Jeff Amatrudo, Jamie Garvin, Kimberly Darling, Jami Fitch

**Staff:** Matt Grondin, Katrina Venhuizen, Vanessa Berry, Gabe Gauvin