

City of Biddeford
Solid Waste Management Commission
September 16, 2020 6:30 PM Via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. July 15, 2020 Minutes
[Minutes July 15,2020.pdf](#)
- 3. HHW Update**
- 4. Discussion / Approval**
 - 4.1. Casella Update & Contamination
 - 4.2. Update - Composting Food Waste at Public Works Facility
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Commission Roster Changes**
- 7. Agenda for Next Meeting**

Notes: July 15 meeting

- Orange Bags are available at Public Works
 - Now accepting credit and debit cards
 - Not seeing citizen concern with the price increase
 - Small price increase
 - Reflects the City's costs
- Nothing new from Casella as far as contamination
 - No new people on the Ten List
 - The "Ten List" is a list of recycling bins that are having contamination problems every week
 - In order to tackle problem areas, members of DPW staff will meet in person with citizens, give handouts, etc. Have pursued issues on Clifford & Cleaves with good success
 - Casella continues to send contamination invoices
 - As they are not meeting the requirements of their contract, these invoices are not being paid
- Food Waste Composting at Public Works
 - Handling on site, rather than using We Compost It
 - 2 bins or so every other day
 - Wash bin out each time it is emptied
 - Keep maintaining it
 - Working on compost permit renewal at DEP
 - Currently operating on provisional permit
 - It is the same compost that is returned to residents
- Some schedule changes
 - Down two supervisors
 - One retiring
- New larger green trash bins
 - Currently on order
 - Approx cost \$22,000
 - 65 gallon bins
 - Same size as blue recycling bins
 - Reduce labor vs. orange bags, because they can be handled with the automatic arm
 - Expected late August/early September
 - One full truckload ordered
 - Approx qty 350
 - Need to build storage for the cans
 - Other spare cans are currently tarped
 - Means they may have sun, weather damage

- Shed space is planned
- So far, 6-7 names on the log of people that would like new larger trash bins
 - Can sign up to rent them at DPW
- Recently passed ordinance that would allow a resident at a given address to rent one of these bins does not include grandfathered units as desired
 - Intent was to include grandfathered units
 - These locations only have orange bags now, no bins
 - Orange bags are labor intensive, cannot be picked up with automatic arm
 - There are about 14 buildings that would qualify
 - City council may take action to correct
 - Councilor Clearwater is a member of the SWC
- New sign out front
 - Has been a good addition
 - Improving communication is a goal
- New doorbell on DPW
 - Can check people as they come in
 - Video camera
 - Doors are locked normally
 - Thanks to City Manager and Council
- Household Hazardous Waste Day
 - Saturday Sept 12
 - 8-12AM
 - Latex paint is accepted
 - Paint of all types is accepted
 - John Hurd
 - PaintCare
 - Provided at no cost to City of Biddeford
 - Two lanes
 - Tallying three cities
 - Biddeford
 - Saco
 - OOB
 - Mike Ready will volunteer
 - Casella
 - Ericka Bayley to attend
 - New recycling flyers will be handed out
 - Masks
 - Required
 - Bring
 - Also provided
 - Will put a notification on sign
- No August SWC Meeting
- Additional SWC members needed
- Two openings
- Marty to let Carmen know
- September Meeting Wednesday 9/16 at 630PM by Zoom
 - Agenda
 - Leaf pickup
 - Education about leaf management
 - Bulky Day
 - How is compost going

- Permit
- Schools
 - Update
 - Composting
 - Recycling
- HHW day update
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- Other items as suggested

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