

City of Biddeford
Recycling & Solid Waste Management Commission
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introduce High School Sophomore to the Commission - Erin O'Driscoll (Needs City Email Address)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2023**
 - 3.1. Minutes
[Recycling & Solid Waste Management Minutes 2.15.23.pdf](#)
- 4. Discussion / Approval**
 - 4.1. Update on Recycling Contamination
 - 4.2. Any New Comments Regarding Enforcing Recycling Violations Going Forward

- 4.3. Any New Recommendations on Recycling Enforcement
- 4.4. Talya from Casella Will Give Update on New Recycling App (Casella 207-883-9777)
[Google Play App.pdf](#)
- 4.5. Updates - Composting Food Waste / New Permit through D.E.P. at Recycling Facility
- 4.6. Updates - New Hours at Transfer Station
- 4.7. Ongoing Discussion - No Parking during Trash & Recycling Curbside Pickup going to Policy Early May
- 4.8. Household Hazardous Waste Dates
[HHW Day 2023.pdf](#)
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Commission Roster Changes (City emails needed for all members)**
- 7. Agenda for Next Meeting**

Recycling & Solid Waste Management Commission Minutes

February 15, 2022 6:30 PM Meeting

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.
- b. Present: Members Burkett, LaFountain, Ortiz, Shapiro and Goodrow.
- c. Absent: Chair Malon, Member Enan, and Public Works Director Demers.
- d. Member Burkett will serve as Chair. Assistant Public Works Director Joseph Lovejoy attended for staff.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approved unanimously.

3.1. Winter Fest Update and Team Participation

- a. Members Ortiz, Malon, Shapiro, and LaFountain attended.
- b. It would be helpful to have a banner or sign for the Commission for future tabling events. A giveaway that educates residents about the Dos and Don'ts of recycling would also help draw people to any future Recycling and Solid Waste Commission table. (e.g. a magnet).
- c. It was beneficial to participate at Winterfest to help build up awareness around recycling in the community.
- d. There are recycling challenges for some residents who live in larger apartment complexes where recycling is not being offered.

3.2. Update on Recycling Contamination

- a. 24 cans have been tagged so far. Rocco is contacting each "tagged" property owner to educate them on recycling rules and guidelines.
- b. Director Demers will share the official education handout with Commission members for their feedback.

3.3. New Comments on Enforcing Recycling Violations

- a. Public Works is taking it slow. The goal is not to pull bins; the goal is to educate and improve recycling in the community.

3.4. New Recommendations from Committee on Recycling Enforcement

- a. Member Shapiro encouraged continued updates from staff on this program and process. Evaluating what is successful now will help improve the development and long term success of this intervention.

3.5. Update - Composting Food Waste / Cooking Oil - New Permit through D.E.P. at Public Works

- a. Public Works has submitted all the necessary information to DEP. They are awaiting approval.

3.6. Discussion of New Hours at Transfer Station if any

- a. New hours started on February 8th. There have not been any calls or complaints.
- b. Public Works monitored traffic at the gate on Tuesday. Residents did not show-up, indicating that the City's communication campaign (posting electronic signs across the city) informing residents about the transfer hours change was successful.

3.7. Ongoing Discussion - No Parking for Waste and Recycling Trucks Going to Policy in Early May

- a. No on-street parking is necessary for automated trash pickup.
- b. Staff is working on mapping potential routes to optimize trash and recycling pickup. Public Works is trying to coordinate days trash & recycling pick-up days that will make it convenient for folks to park close by their residence. This is a work in progress and a challenging task.
- c. The truck purchased by the City may not be ready until November. However, the dealership will provide a loaner truck in May.
- d. This loaner truck will allow the City to roll-out the change as soon as May. This is preferable to starting in October, which is much closer to winter, which would bring additional challenges for residents and staff.
- e. Director Demers will bring the proposed policy to the Commission before the May Policy meeting for the Commission's review.
- f. Commission members are concerned by the disruption it will cause residents, and want to ensure the Commission addresses these concerns.
- g. The automatic solid waste trucks will not be able to pick-up excess or overflow waste. Thus, Commission members will need to brainstorm how to best address this challenge.
- h. Director Demers will provide a list of options to address overflow waste at a future meeting.

3.8. FY 2023 Budget Review

- a. Director Demers will provide an update at the March meeting.

4. Other Business

- a. Member Burkett applauds the customer service of Public Works. They helped her replace a broken trash lid in less than 24 hours.
- b. Assistant Director Lovejoy informed members that there are over 200 64 gallon trash bins currently leased throughout the City. He credits Rocco for much of this success.
- c. Assistant Director Lovejoy applauded the organization and success of Winterfest. The planning for Winterfest helps make it so successful.

5. Commission Roster Changes if Needed

- a. There are two vacancies on the Commission.

6. Agenda for Next Meeting

- a. Email Chair Malon to request any items on a future agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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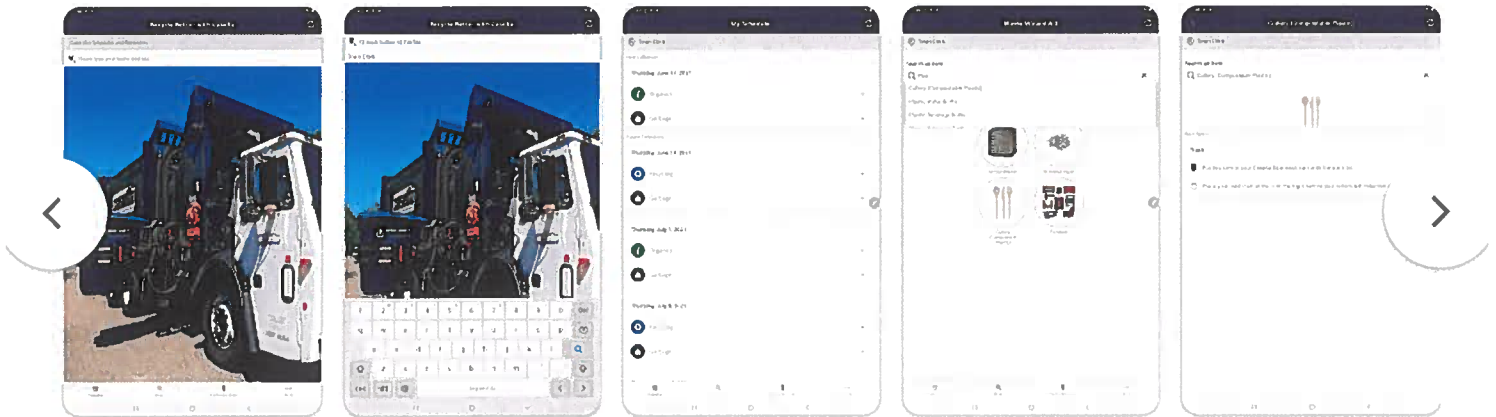
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- Fixed crashes experienced with certain tools
- Refactored Mapbox latitude/longitude parsing logic

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days 2023

For residents of
Scarborough, Saco, Biddeford, and Old Orchard Beach

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TOWN OF
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SCARBOROUGH

May 13, 2023 | 8:00 am - noon
20 Washington Avenue

SACO

July 8, 2023 | 8:00 am - noon
15 Phillips Spring Road

BIDDEFORD

September 9, 2023 | 8:00 am - noon
371 Hill Street

Please **DO NOT** bring propane tanks (larger than 1 lb.), commercial waste, computers, or electronics.

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ACCEPTED PAINT

(and paint related products):

acrylic, alkyd, enamel, latex, oil based, water based deck coatings, field & lawn paints, floor paints, lacquers, metal coatings, primers, rust preventatives, sealers, shellacs, stains, undercoaters, urethanes, varnishes, waterproofing: concrete & masonry, wood sealers & repellants, aerosol paints (spray cans), art & craft paint, auto paint, caulking compounds, colorants, epoxies, glues, marine paint, resins, roof patch & repair, solvents, tints, and wood preservatives.