

City of Biddeford
Recycling & Solid Waste Management Commission
February 15, 2023 6:30 PM Zoom

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. Minutes from January 18, 2023
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- 3. Discussion / Approval**
 - 3.1. Winter Fest Update and Team Participation
 - 3.2. Update on Recycling Contamination
 - 3.3. New Comments on Enforcing Recycling Violations
 - 3.4. New Recommendations from Committee on Recycling Enforcement
 - 3.5. Update - Composting Food Waste / Cooking Oil - New Permit through D.E.P. at Public Works
 - 3.6. Discussion of New Hours at Transfer Station if any
 - 3.7. Ongoing Discussion - No Parking for Waste and Recycling Trucks Going to Policy in Early May
 - 3.8. FY 2023 Budget Review
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Commission Roster Changes**
- 6. Agenda for Next Meeting**

Recycling & Solid Waste Management Commission Minutes

January 18, 2022 6:30 PM Meeting

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.
- b. Present: Members Burkett, Enan, LaFountain, Ortiz, Malon and Goodrow.
- c. Absent: Member Shapiro

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approved unanimously.

3.1. Update - Recycling Contamination

- a. Public Works staff is creating a handout with detailed information about Biddeford's recycling policy. This handout will also include a visual guide indicating some common recyclable items. The handout will be provided to any resident who violates the recycling policy.
- b. Director Demers will share this handout with Commission members for their feedback.
- c. Until the handout is approved and ready for use, Public Works will not issue any official recycling contamination infractions to residents .

3.2. Updates on Enforcing Recycling Violations & Recommendations from Committee

- a. No violations to date.

3.3. Composting Food Waste - New Permit through D.E.P. at Public Works Facility

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

3.4. Discuss Proposed New Hours for Transfer Station Going to Council

- a. The Council approved the 2nd reading of an ordinance that set the Transfer Station Hours as *Wednesday-Saturday 7:00am - 4:45pm*.
- b. New hours are effective starting in February.

3.5. Discuss No Parking for Waste & Recycling Trucks Going to Council

- a. No on-street parking is necessary for automated trash pickup.
- b. Staff is working on mapping potential routes to optimize trash pickup.
- c. Commission members generally support the policy change.
- d. Commission members are concerned by the disruption it will cause residents, and want to ensure the Commission addresses these concerns.
- e. Commission members also expressed a desire for more public input and more socialization within the community.
- f. 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.
- g. Director Demers will provide a list of options to address overflow waste at a future meeting.

4. Other Business

- a. Winterfest is February 3rd-5th in downtown Biddeford. Chair Malon will coordinate with Commission members for volunteers to table on Saturday, February 4th to help educate the public on recycling.
- b. Director Demers and Public Works will provide any necessary equipment.

5. Commission Roster Changes if Needed

- a. There are two vacancies on the Commission.

6. Agenda for Next Meeting

- a. Chair Malon will email members with information on a FOAA training.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.