

City of Biddeford
Solid Waste Management Commission
January 22, 2020 6:30 PM Public Works

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. Minutes December 11, 2019
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- 3. Discussion / Approval**
 - 3.1. Casella Update & Contamination
 - 3.2. Education
 - 3.3. New Ordinance - Review 3/5 Unit Buildings. More Discussion Needed. List of Options for Dealing with Overflow Trash.
 - 3.4. Update - Composting Food Waste at Public Works Facility
- 4. Staff Reports**
- 5. School Programs Update**
- 6. Education/Advertising/Fiscal Year Budget**
 - 6.1. Education / Community Outreach
- 7. Questions /Comments on Reports**
 - 7.1. Recycling Reports
 - 7.2. Code Enforcement Report
 - 7.3. Curbside Trash & Recycling Report
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Commission Roster Changes**
- 10. Agenda for Next Meeting**

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Public Works Department
371 Hill Street, Biddeford, Maine 04005
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes December 11, 2019

Attendance: Adam Bellefeuille Chair, Marty Grohman, Councilor Lessard, Dan Lamontagne, Richard Potvin, Jim Bennett City Manager, Jeff Demers Public Works/Waste Water Director

- Spoke about leaves and brush in cemeteries
- Discussed Casella update - contamination and a way to pay or keep contamination down. Jim spoke on these challenges. Council spoke to the commission on how to deal with the grandfathered units. Jim explained how staff got through the 6/7 units, then Jim explained how staff dealt with those units.
- Spoke about the market, how they were paying for old contamination fees.
- Spoke about some of the talks with Casella, different ways we could get rid of any fee and how the contract is written. Marty asked - why would we help Casella? Mark explained how the contract is and why he would not open a contract with 4 years left. Adam explained why he has an issue with the contract – it does not have a fair bar for the contamination issue.
- Mark gave us his opinion on the 3/5 units and how they just do not know how to recycle.
- Talked about the trash bins and how they are not big enough. Jim explained where we are today with the talks of past and going forward with Casella. Jim talked about the possibility of charging for extra trash can.
- Tell the 3/5 if you don't want to recycle, pay for the additional trash bin.
- Mark talked about larger trash bin, asked question - what city pays today for trash and recycling.
- Chico asked how Casella figured the amount of contamination. Also asked why we are in the middle.
- Jim spoke force majeure clause. Mark spoke about how he thinks taking away trash would not go well.
- Adam spoke on how we have done well and he feels they are not being fair on the contamination.
- Marty asked the question - will Casella back off if they hear that we did well?
- Give landlords the opportunity to purchase green bins. Mark explained how he would be in favor for 150K more to the correct size cans.
- Additional Bin, Larger truck – larger bins, not out of the program. Committee not good with that, 3 routes, 1 truck, larger cans, Curbside prior to recycling, Larger truck larger cans