

City of Biddeford
Recycling & Solid Waste Management Commission
January 18, 2023 6:30 PM Via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. Minutes for December 21, 2022
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- 3. Discussion / Approval**
 - 3.1. Update on contamination
 - 3.2. Any new comments regarding the enforcement of recycling violations - Recommendations from Committee
 - 3.3. Composting Food Waste / Cooking Oil - New Permit through D.E.P. at Public Works Facility
 - 3.4. Discuss new proposed hours for Transfer Station going to Council
 - 3.5. Ongoing discussion - No Parking for Waste & Recycling Trucks going to council
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Commission Roster Changes**
- 6. Agenda for Next Meeting**

Recycling & Solid Waste Management Commission Minutes

December 21, 2022 6:30 PM Meeting

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.
- b. Present: Members Burkett, Shapiro, LaFountain, Goodrow, Lessard, Ortiz, and Malon.
- c. Absent: Member Enan

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approved unanimously.

3.1. Update - Recycling Contamination

- a. Talya Bent, from Casella, provided an update on the most recent audit. October's contamination rate was 16%. This is a 2% improvement since the last audit.
- b. Casella is introducing a mobile app called *ReCollect* for Biddeford residents. The app will help inform residents about trash & recycling schedules, as well as special event updates (Earth Day, Household Hazardous Waste, etc.). It can also be used for education campaigns. The interactive app will provide real time information and answers to common recycling questions.
- c. The mobile app will be available to Biddeford and Kennebunk residents in the next few months.

3.2. Updates on Enforcing Recycling Violations & Recommendations from Committee

- a. Public Works staff has started auditing recycling bins for contamination. So far, no enforcement has been needed. However, Public Works staff has left several curtesy notes on bins with visible contamination.

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. DEP requested a letter from Code Enforcement inquiring about any past code violations. Biddeford's Director of Code Enforcement, Roby Fecteau, submitted the letter this week confirming they have not been any code violations.

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

- a. The Council approved the 1st reading of an ordinance that set the Transfer Station Hours as *Wednesday-Saturday 7:00am - 4:45pm*.
- b. Director Demers will continue to work with Public Works staff, this Commission, and the City Council to add and/or adjust hours as needed.

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

- a. The delivery of the new waste trucks has been delayed until September.
- b. Staff is working on ordinance language to restrict on street packing on trash pick-up days by street. They are also mapping potential routes to optimize trash pickup.
- c. No on street parking is necessary for automated trash pickup. Additionally, it will allow the street sweeper to clean each street once per week. This process will help make our city much cleaner.

4. Other Business

- a. Winterfest is this February 3rd-5th. Chair Malon asked Commission member if they'd like to table at Winterfest to help educate the public on recycling. The Commission supports this initiative. Chair Malon will provide more information at next month's meeting.
- b. Director Demers and Member LaFountain have been working with McArthur Home residents and management to enhance their solid waste services and make them more affordable for residents. They will continue to work on this issue and update the Commission with new information.

5. Commission Roster Changes if Needed

- a. Tonight's meeting is Dan Lessard's last meeting. Members thanked him for his service and contributions.
- b. There are now two vacancies on the Commission.

6. Agenda for Next Meeting

- a. Commissioner members should email Chair Malon with any items they would like to see on next month's agenda.
- b. Director Demers will provide an update on the FY24 Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.