



City of Biddeford
Recycling and Waste Management Commission

August 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Biddeford Public Works

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.a June 18, 2025 Minutes
3. Discussion/Approval
 - 3.a Waste Truck Update
 - 3.b HHW Day in Biddeford, Saturday, September 13th, 8am to 12pm - Who is available?
 - 3.c Revised Household Waste Definition
 - 3.d Update on Recycling Education
 - 3.e Upcoming Agenda Discussions
4. Other Business
5. Commission Roster Changes if Needed - One Opening Remains
6. Agenda for Next Meeting
7. Adjourn

Recycling & Solid Waste Management Commission Minutes
June 18th, 2025, 6:30 pm meeting

1. Call to order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
- b. Present: Members Kobo, Kurtz, LaFountain, Moriarty, Shapiro, Woods, and Director Demars. Guest: Tayla Bent, Municipal Account Manager, Casella
- c. Absent: Ortiz and Pierson

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. May meeting notes approved

3. Discussion/Approval

- a. Update on waste truck
 - i. The replacement automated truck had broken arm, but is being fixed for use in July
 - ii. Delivery of new automated one-arm truck scheduled for end of July
- b. Update on Hazard Household Waste (HHW) dates
 - i. Biddeford will host its HHW Day on Saturday, September 13th from 8 am – 12 pm. Commission members asked to plan to volunteer. Member Woods will not be available.
 - ii. Volunteers will handout Casella recycling information during the HHW.
- c. Update on Audits for Recycling and Overflow Trash
 - i. Director Demars is working on definition, reviewing definitions from similar size communities.
- d. Update on Recycling Education
 - i. City staff member, Danica Lamontagne is working on developing materials to help promote recycling education for the city's information resources.
- e. Tayla Bent of Casella shared several findings from recent recycling audits
 - i. Audit completed in April '25 showed significant improvements as the city's rejected recycling dropped from 12.9% from November 2024, down to 11.3%.
 - ii. Casella will conduct its annual intern audit tagging on Thursdays in July on the 10th, 17th and the 24th.
 - iii. Commission members are invited to attend the final audit review on July 31st. **(Jeff do we know the time and location of this audit?)**

iv. Tayla also shared details on resident engagement on the Casella app. While a small percentage of residents are registered to receive updates, many are using the app to determine how to recycle specific items.

f. Upcoming Agenda Discussions

i. Member Shapiro to request new topics for the August meeting week of August 11th.

4. Other Business

- a. Decision made to not have a commission meeting in July
- b. Next commission meeting will be on August 20th.

5. Commission Roster Update

- a. One opening on the commission

6. Agenda for Next Meeting

- a. Discussion of definition of “Household Waste”
- b. Update on new automated truck for July
- c. Update on recycling education
- d. Member Shapiro to request agenda items for August meeting, week of August 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm