



City of Biddeford Sustainability Commission

January 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Second Floor Conference Room & Zoom

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Meeting ID: 990 2521 3253

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1. Roll Call
2. Discussion/Review
 - 2.a Work Plan 2025-What are implications for FY2026 Budget? Discuss draft plan; need Health & Well Being.
 - 2.b Updates:
 - a) Beach dune replenishment-Biddeford Pool Beach-DEP Dune Grant
 - b) Bike/Ped Plan-Climate Justice for New England Grant w/ SMPDC
 - c) Energy Audit for municipal buildings-Brad is investigating cost
3. Adjourn

Work Plan for 2025
Discussion Items from Jan. 6,



2025

1. Buildings and Energy

- **Energy audit of municipal buildings**
- Adoption of stretch codes
- **Promote the work of Efficiency Maine**
- **Solar on Andrews Road**

2. Transportation and Infrastructure

- **Transit Oriented Development**
- ~~Parking reform~~
- **EV charging port ordinance**
- **Bike/pedestrian plan (Traffic Committee?)**
- Survey of municipal vehicle fleet
- ~~Bus Stop Upgrades~~

3. Land Use and Natural Resources

- **Beach Management Plan**
- **Landscaping ordinance**
- Shade Structure ordinance
- **Expansion of local food production/community gardens**
- Expansion of city composting program
- Incentives for mixed use and infill development in growth areas.

4. Health and Wellbeing

TBD

5. Leadership and Support

- **Support inclusion of climate action in local school curricula**
- **Engage community members and city staff in climate actions**

Commented [FB1]: Will and I are looking at Efficiency Maine to start this. This will be a "lead by example" project.

Commented [ZM2]: I think the mayor suggested this?

Commented [3]: I think this should be a priority action, given how it has the potential to affect so much future development.

Commented [4]: I think parking reform should be included under ToD policies—the Biddeford Saco ToD plan has a section on it.

Commented [5]: Currently, the city council has passed an order for the traffic committee to conduct a bike review, and passed an ordinance that gives the traffic committee ability to review topics on pedestrian traffic. I can ask if the traffic committee will turn the bike review to a bike/ped review at its Jan 28 meeting, or Brad or Will can ask one of the members earlier. If the traffic committee does plan to take up a bike/ped review promptly, then I think we can remove this from our priorities and just give feedback at a set time(s) this year?

Commented [FB6R5]: The mayor has suggested we pursue this and provide updates to the traffic Committee as needed.

Commented [7]: While this is of course important, I don't think it should be a priority, and I'm thinking about cutting it. In comparison to policies that change behavior of all residents, like ToD, bike/ped infrastructure, and more EV charging stations, a review that just focuses on the municipal fleet seems small scale? Those involved in past GHG reviews can correct me on this.

Commented [ZM8]: Maybe we cut this one, since Biddeford already has Complete Street standards? I thi...

Commented [9]: I agree with Max on cutting this out, as long as we still prioritize complete streets ideas in ToD ...

Commented [10]: I realize we only have so much time in a year, but I feel that this should be included. It's ...

Commented [11R10]: Since we are doing the bike/ped plan after all, I'm going to remove this

Commented [ZM12]: Landscaping standards are more encompassing of the heat island reduction we...

Commented [ZM13]: We could potentiall fold this into the food production priority. I just really think this would...

Commented [ZM14]: I know this one will get cut, but it was one of the priority strategies in the CAP. ...

Commented [15R14]: I think this is included under ToD, so if we keep ToD as part of the work plan then we can ...

Commented [ZM16]: Just wanted to say I like these ones a lot :)

Commented [FB17R16]: Yes. Very Important!