

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

05/18/26

PRESENT: Brad Favreau, Joie Grandbois, Brad Crickard, Jeff Goldsmith, Bev Thorpe, Will Kochtitsky, and Max Zakian

ABSENT: Nadia Crockett, Patrick Conlon, Mikaela Greenwood, Emily McCauley

No visitors

1. Quorum is present
2. Minutes from 5/4/26 were approved unanimously, motion by Jeff Goldsmith, 2nded by Joie Grandbois
3. There was discussion about the June 9th meeting with City Council. The SC will present an overview of a Biddeford Beach Management Plan. Art Cleaves from SMPDC is planning to attend. York County has received a large federal grant for \$1.6 Million focused on Maine's coastal communities. In Biddeford the public beaches are a small part of the beaches, the rest are privately owned.
4. The Landscape Ordinance will be presented to the city's Policy Committee on 5/22.
5. The EV Ordinance will be presented again in June.
6. The Solar Ordinance goes to City Council for review on June 2nd.
7. The Energy Audit is being reviewed by Biddeford's city lawyers. This is necessary to allow the city to sign a contract to make energy use changes for some city properties.
8. Patrick Conlon for SC is getting feedback from Saco to engage a collaborative effort by the two cities. Saco has not replied yet.
9. Biddeford is looking at the use of "Data Centers", as are other municipal centers in Maine.
10. The Sustainability Commission will meet the first Monday in June, July and August, not on the 3rd Monday. Since Labor Day is the first Monday in September, there will not be a Commission meeting on the city holiday, just the 3rd Monday.
11. There was discussion about the park adopted by the SC concerning the Barlett Pear trees and mulch.

12. The summer program for Music in the Park will be on Wednesdays. We think the Biddeford Public Market will be present. There was discussion about the use of grant monies to help sponsor the Public Market, but the SC needs more information.
13. There was discussion about the Project Canopy Committee to see if it can be reactivated to collaborate with the state's Project Canopy.
14. There was discussion about designing a "white roof" ordinance for downtown Biddeford.
15. Joie Grandbois made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm EDT. Brad C seconded it, and it was passed unanimously.