

Draft of SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION 04/20/26

PRESENT: Brad Favreau, Will Kochtitzky, jeff Goldsmith, Bev Thorpe, Nadia Crockett, Patrick Conlon, Max Zakian, Brad Crickard

Absent: Joie Grandbois, Mikaela Greenwood, Emily McCauley

Guests: Kate Brown & Samantha from Biddeford Public Market, Jenn Brousseau and 2 UNE students-Annika Doeppers and Edward Iannuzzi-Sucich, John Collins

1. Quorum yes
2. Bev made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/06/26 Commission meeting. Seconded by Pat. Max abstained because he wasn't there, and the rest approved.
3. Kate Brown and Samantha updated the Biddeford Public Market's request for financial support presented 4/6/26. In the event that the Sustainability Commission has more money than approved two weeks ago [\$3000], the Biddeford Public Market would like support for their SNAP program: MFFM \$1500, administration \$500, Equipment \$360, visitor's booth \$450, and Bumper Crop Certificates \$1000 (total \$3810 for this SNAP project). The BPM has several more items if it is possible to support them, i.e., Power Produce Club, the Co-op Produce Table, and the Hunger Programs.
4. Professor Jenn Brousseau from UNE and two of her students, who are supporting their IRB approved research into the current progress of the Biddeford Climate Action Program goals, presented a draft of their outcomes to the SC. They wanted feedback about the way they organized their study (using the five major headings in the CAP) and the projects supported by the SC. They wanted to validate their assessment of "progress" for each of the projects they listed. Their outcome categories were: not started, in progress, and completed. There was much discussion about this draft of the research.
5. There was a brief discussion about the Earth Day events involving the SC. Two weeks ago the SC passed a motion to get a button making machine and materials, and this has happened. It will be at the Cannon Park [across Main St from City Hall] SC table on Saturday, April 25th. In addition, the SC passed a motion to get clover seeds and spider plants to hand out small packets at the Cannon Park table on Saturday, April 25th. The table has three posters that will be displayed from 10-2 on Saturday, with some commissioners present. The posters show "no lawns", composting, and transportation issues in Biddeford.
6. At 7:05 pm Max made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bev, passed unanimously