

May 4, 2026, Sustainability Commission

Attendance: Will Kochtitzky, Brad Crockard, Patrick Conlon, Max Zakian, Joie Grandbois, Brad Favreau

Absent: Jeff Goldsmith, Bev Thorpe, Nadia Crockett, Mikaela Greenwood, Emily McCauley

Guests: Karina Graeter, Melanie Nash, Ken and Kathy Griffin

Quorum: yes

1. Motion to approve minutes Max (with amendment to add Brad Crickard to present list), second Patrick, all approve
2. Presentation on Beach Management from SMPDC: SMPDC presented on climate ready coasts sites in Biddeford (Biddeford Pool, Fortunes Rocks). Beach management includes a wide range of activities. Municipal beach management plan might rely on public funding (state and federal) so we need to focus on municipally owned beaches (Boucher Park). Example of progress in Saco's beach management plan – budgeted \$46k to start the process. Examples from Hull and Falmouth Massachusetts.
3. Budget conversation:
 1. Biddeford Public Market: Presents plan to support Public Market - \$4920 to support SNAP/EBT processing equipment, Motion by Patrick to support the Biddeford Public Market with \$4,882.20 to support the acquisition of SNAP/EBT processing equipment and staff time. Second by Max, unanimously approved
 2. Biddeford Community Gardens - \$3,240 request to plant two Crabapples, three Red Maples, and two Apples. Max motions to approve tree planting in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, Joie seconds, unanimously approved
 3. Recreation Center EV charger – They are looking into doing a single port because the two port was too expensive
4. Energy Audit consultant recommendation
 1. Brad Crickard motion to support Weston and Sampson to conduct an energy audit for a cost of \$49,100 – Second by Patrick, unanimous support
5. Data center moratorium data center discussion – David Galbraith and Brad Favreu spoke about data centers will be explicitly listed in the list of land uses, and no zones will allow or conditionally allow data centers

6. Max makes a motion to support the planning departments proposed amendment on a ban of data centers as a use in Biddeford, Brad Crickard seconds, unanimous support
7. Earth Day discussion – postpone to next time
8. Motion to adjourn from Max, Patrick seconds, unanimous support to adjourn