



**City of Biddeford
Sustainability Commission**

July 6, 2026 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Second Floor Conference Room & Teams

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1. Declaration of Quorum
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - 2.a Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2026
3. "Sensing the Coast" Art Show July 10-Will
4. Beach Management Plan June 9 Workshop-Update and Next Steps
5. Discussion/Action Item-bring Project Canopy work into Sustainability Commission
6. Workplan Review and Discussion-are we on track?
 - 6.a See attached Work Plan
7. Updates
 - 7.a Landscape and EV Ordinances
 - 7.b Solar Ordinance-Approved!
8. Adjourn

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

JUNE 1, 2026

Present: Brad Favreau, Will Kochtitzky, Jeff Goldsmith, Brad Crickard, Nadia Crockett, Patrick Conlon, Emily McCauley

Absent: Excused: Joie Grandbois, Unexcused: Bev Thorpe, Mikaela Greenwood

Visitors: Ken Griffin

1. Quorum is present
2. Brad C made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/18 Commission. 2nd by Patrick, passed by 4 with one abstention (Nadia wasn't present last meeting).
3. Sasha and Kim represented Community Solar and Sasha did a slide show presenting their proposal to Biddeford. Community Solar is a Chicago based group that is working within 6 states, over 100 municipalities, to provide guaranteed reductions in energy costs to homeowners and small businesses. Their project does not involve installments, no solar panels, and no change in service to the recipient. They guarantee 15% reduction in energy costs. Maine is having three communities begin this project in the Fall, 2026. Solar Simplified runs the advertising campaign. The Sustainability Commission intends to hear from other solar energy groups this year as well.
4. There was a brief discussion about the June 9th meeting with City Council about a beach management plan for Biddeford.
5. Updates of current projects
 - a. June 2 the Solar Ordinance will be presented to City Council.
 - b. The Landscape Ordinance was delayed by the SC to allow it to respond to comments from a private company.
 - c. The city is funding new trees to replace some trees at the Mayfield Park near the Main Street baseball parks.
 - d. The Biddeford/Saco meeting to discuss biking and pedestrian changes didn't happen because Saco had to cancel the meeting. They still want to pursue the collaborative project.

- e. A temporary bike path was set up from Elm Street to Rotary Park. It has received some compliments from residents who welcome the improved safety conditions by this project.
 - f. The City wants to define a “Data Center” and use this definition in the Land Use Ordinance, through the action of the Planning Commission.
 - g. The Public Art Commission asked SC for ideas/projects to enhance Biddeford’s public art displays.
 - h. The SC got funded for the Energy Audit.
 - i. The Gulf of Maine Research Institute will soon announce the recipients of their grants.
 - j. The “park we adopted” on Main Street is being cleaned up by the SC.
 - k. Work continues to clarify what can be done to activate the Project Canopy committee.
6. Nadia made a motion to adjourn at 6:37pm, 2nd by Patrick and approved by all.

Sustainability Commission

Work Plan 2025/2026

Buildings and Energy

Action	Outcome	Timeline	Responsible Party	Status	Funding
Energy Audit of Municipal Buildings	Information to increase energy efficiency for city buildings	9 to 12 months	Planning & Development Dept	Contract Phase	CRP Grant - \$72,000
Adoption of Stretch Codes	Stricter energy efficiency code requirements	1 year	Commission/Code Enforcement	No Action	
Solar on Andrews Road	Renewable energy production in Biddeford	1 – 2 years	Commission/Planning/Solar Developer	No Action	
Solar Ordinance	Council Adoption of Ordinance	1 – 2 years	Commission/Planning	Approved by Council June 2, 2026	

Transportation and Infrastructure

Action	Outcome	Timeline	Responsible Party	Status	Funding
Bike/Ped Plan	Council Adoption of Plan	18 months	Commission/Planning/Consultant	Meeting with Saco Planning Dept 7/9/26	
EV Charging Ordinance	Council Adoption of Ordinance	1 year	Commission/Planning	Policy Com. August 2026	
Transit Oriented Development	Council Adoption of Policy	1- 2 years	Commission/Planning	No Action	

Land Use and Natural Resources

Action	Outcome	Timeline	Responsible Party	Status	Funding
Beach Management Plan	Council Adoption of Plan	1 – 2 years	Commission/Planning	June 9, 2026 Council Workshop	
Landscape Ordinance	Council Adoption of Ordinance	9 to 12 months	Commission/Planning	Policy Com. August 2026	
Local Food Production	Increased food production	Ongoing	Commission/BCG	Support of BPM for 2026	

Health and Wellbeing

Action	Outcome	Timeline	Responsible Party	Status	Funding
Shade Structure Ordinance	Council Adoption of Ordinance	1 year	Commission/Planning	No Action	
Tree Ordinance	Council Adoption of Ordinance	1 year	Commission/Planning	Take on Project Canopy	

Leadership and Support

Action	Outcome	Timeline	Responsible Party	Status	Funding
CAP in School Curricula	Relationship between Commission and School	1 year	Commission/School Faculty/Admin	CSC re-application? w/GMRI	
Public Engagement	Ongoing conversation with community and city staff	Ongoing	Commission	Council Meeting Nov 18, 2025	

Other

Action	Outcome	Timeline	Responsible Party	Status	Funding
GHG Emission Inventory	Update of inventory	Summer 2025	Commission/Planning/UNE	Complete	N / A

For Consideration

Action	Outcome	Timeline	Responsible Party	Status	Funding
Tree Ordinance	Draft Ordinance	2026	Bev / Brad F.	Project Canopy	N / A
Shade Structure Ordinance / White Roof Ord	Draft Ordinance	2026	Brad F.		N / A
No Lawns! Campaign	Public Education	Ongoing	Bev		
Community Solar Campaign	Increased Renewable Energy Use		Brad F. / Brad C.	June 1 presentation	
Food Waste Management Composting Campaign	10% Increase in City Composting	2026	Mikaela / Brad F.	Garbage 2 Garden to present Aug 3	
Rooftop Solar – Municipal Buildings	Identify Locations for muni. roof-top solar	2026	Brad F.		
Additional Bike Racks at all City Green Spaces	Bike Racks at all city parks	2026	Patrick		