



**City of Biddeford
Sustainability Commission**

August 3, 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 July 6, 2026
3. Garbage to Garden-Tyler Frank & Sean Heckethorn-Presentation
4. Ordinance changes to take on Project Canopy-Brad
5. Proposed Project Canopy Work-Bev
6. Updates
 - 6.a Sensing the Coast Show July 10-debrief by Will
 - 6.b Beach Management Plan/Design-Will
 - 6.c Landscape Ordinance, August 24-Any revisions needed?
 - 6.d EV Charging Ordinance, August 24-Any revisions needed?

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

7/6/26

PRESENT: Brad Favreau, Jeff Goldsmith, Max Zakian, Joie Grandbois, Bev Thorpe, Patrick Conlon, Brad Crickard

Absent/Excused: Will Kochtitzky, Mikaela Greenwood, Nadia Crockett, Emily McCauley

No Guests

1. Quorum present
2. Minutes from June 1, 2026, approved unanimously without corrections. Motion by Brad C. and Joie 2nd.
3. Public Works Dept had begun a committee on the Canopy Project but it has stalled out. Brad Favreau and the Mayor decided to transfer this committee to the Sustainability Commission (SC) and have them set up a Canopy Project subcommittee that Brad F. would lead. The Canopy subcommittee would collaborate with the state committee on this topic to see how to establish a process to monitor municipal trees to identify healthy trees and remediate unhealthy trees. Bev thought Biddeford Parks needed to do this right away. Max thought Main Street trees should be the first to be evaluated. Native trees should be planted. There was some discussion about planting seeds and let them grow up as understory plants. It might be that the SC would have to include this in their mission.

Joie made a motion to transfer the Project Canopy to the SC from Public Works Dept. Brad C. 2nd and it was unanimously approved.

4. Work Plan Updates
 - a. Energy Audit got a grant and hired energy experts to begin the audit in July.
 - b. The Solar Ordinance was approved by City Council June 2, 2026. The Ordinance was sent to the Policy Committee for a review in August.
 - c. The federal Dept of Energy just paid the City of Biddeford for installing an electric charger downtown.
 - d. The bicycle/pedestrian collaboration with Saco to establish a joint ordinance has not yet had a joint meeting with Saco. The collaborative action is to apply for a Community Resilience Partnership grant.

- e. The Transit Orientation Development project has been put on pause.
 - f. The Landscaping Ordinance is in process.
 - g. Garbage to Garden will come to the August SC to discuss guidelines to engaging with Biddeford residents and the City of Biddeford.
5. The main street adopted park had its water spigot activated. There are plans being developed to plant native plants there in the Fall this year. The Public Works Dept took the picnic table away at our request.
 6. The June 9th City Council workshop regarding a Biddeford Beach Management Plan was discussed. The residents of Biddeford attended this workshop in large numbers and the SC meeting room was used to help the overflow be part of the event. The survey results with over 200 online responses will be incorporated somehow and the SC will hear about the results this Fall.
 7. Bev made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm, 2nd by Joie and unanimously approved.