



City of Biddeford
Recycling and Waste Management Commission

August 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Biddeford Public Works & Teams

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.a June meeting notes
3. New Member - Sam Pecor
4. Update on 30-liter Trash Bag Policy Compliance & Education
5. Update on Composting
6. Biddeford Household Hazardous Waste Day - Saturday, September 12th, 8am - 12pm - Volunteers Needed!
7. Budget Review
8. Art Commission Updates
9. Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30pm
10. Meeting Adjourns

Recycling & Waste Management Commission - June Meeting Notes.

Wednesday, June 18. DPW Offices.

Present: J. Pierson, E. Conrad, C. Kurtz, A. Menokobo, T. Tuttle, J. Demers and G. Shapiro

Absent: B. Cote

Meeting Started: 6:35pm.

1. Approval of May Minutes

Approval of minutes. Approved, vote was unanimous, 6 yes, 0 No.

2. Update on 30-liter city garbage bags

Director Demers reported the new policy is going well. The department has started the second round of education. According to Director Demers there will be three rounds of education, which is expected to wrap-up in early July.

According to Director Demers, "If you've driven around the city you'll notice number one, a lot of the orange bags are now being placed on top of the can. I think we're people are starting to understand it."

Additionally, Demers shared, "The Supervisor (Rocco DeLuca) is actually at the point now that he is starting to knock on doors to talk to people and let them understand how we're doing that. We think that's working. I will tell you, we feel that the two-bag limit has gotten out there. I think we've only got like a handful of calls to people that have had issues."

Majority of issues have been centered around larger apartment buildings that have been grandfathered into city pick-up. The subset of buildings with five or more units has been reduced from 29 buildings down to 9. Supervisor DeLuca has been in contact with building owners to educate them on the policy and determine the best way to educate tenants of these buildings.

3. Update on composting

Director Demers has been in contact with DEP. To accommodate food composting, a new application is required. The process will take a year.

4. Budget Update

Budgets went through, all approved, no cuts in the solid waste side.

Director Demers to print out the budget for the next meeting and we'll review. It will be added as an agenda item.

5. Art Commission

The Art Commission is trying to find areas within the city where art can be incorporated on a permanent basis. Several ideas were shared, including painting a department dumpster. Member, Shapiro, to contact Jessica Muise, Chair of the Art Commission, to get greater clarity on what they are looking for.

The conversation also directed the commission to reconsider its participation at community such as Winter Fest and River Jam. Which will be an agenda item for our next meeting.

6. Other business & new agenda items

a. New Commission Members

Terje Tuttle has joined the commission beginning with this meeting. Member, Shapiro, to follow up with Mayor on another candidate.

b. Skipping July Meeting

Members voted 6-0 to not meet in July.

c. Biddeford Hazard Household Collection Day – Saturday, September 12, from 8 am – 12 pm. Next meeting will ask for volunteers.

7. Next meeting – Wednesday, August 21.

8. Meeting adjourned: 7:35 pm.