



Bath Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Meeting of July 15, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Susan Bauer, Lee Leiner, Peter Owen, Aaron Park, Paul Perkins, Brook Vail
Members Absent: Lou Ricciardone, George Sprague
Guests: One member of the public

Agenda:

- Review and approve minutes of previous meeting
- Recycling education
- Composting
- Packaging producer responsibility
- Adjourn

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was offered and the vote was unanimous to accept.

A question was asked about the status of the recommendation to add 3-6 unit properties to the City's curbside collection program. It has not yet advanced. Lee will draft language for the ordinance change and send via email to the committee members for review. It will then be sent to Roger Therriault for presentation to the City Council at the regular September meeting.

The discussion turned to recycling education. No committee members reported attempting to make a short video for posting on social media. Lee will send around some topics. Lindsey Goudreau and Steve Marois will be invited to the next meeting to help move the video effort forward.

The student effort to advance recycling and other topics into RSU 1 should be coordinated with the City's efforts.

A question was posed about finding pre-existing graphical elements that the City could use or at least start with for enhancing any print or web-based recycling education materials. Lee will send out some links to organizations that have provided those elements.

A suggestion was made to have a table at various businesses in Bath where volunteers could explain to patrons how to recycle the products sold in the business.

A statement was made that it appears Shaws has discontinued recycling plastic film. The suggestion followed that Brackett's Market should be promoted if they plan to continue providing this service. It was noted that Hannaford markets are so far continuing to accept the material for recycling.

A request was received from the Maine Municipal Association on behalf of the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection to all interested municipalities to comment on their effort to create a producer responsibility law applying to packaging materials. Lee asked if the committee, representing Bath, would want to offer support to the idea. The answer is yes. Lee will draft a response for the committee to review. Comments are due by July 19.

A suggestion was made to work with Pine Tree Waste prior to the next contract to create a 3-stream collection system for recyclables, wastes, and compostable materials.

Next meeting: September 9, 2019, 4:00 PM in the 2nd Floor conference room, city hall.

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