

**Brunswick Recycling & Sustainability Committee Meeting**  
**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Meeting via Zoom 5.00pm – 7.00pm**

**Members present:** Jamie Ecker (chair), Jenn Hicks (vice-chair), Harry Hopcroft, Steve Weems, Stephen Wood, Kay Mann, Chrissy Adamowicz, Dieuwke Zolas, Elise Hocking (Bowdoin college)  
**Staff present:** Jay Astle (Public Works Director), Steve Walker (Town Council member)  
**Guests:** Keisha Payson (Associate director of sustainability at Bowdoin College), Bill Good (public)

**Call to order:** by the chair at 5.10pm

**Introduction made by all members and staff of the R & S Committee**

**Preview of the agenda by the chair.**

**Motion:** to approve minutes June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 with the revisions made by Steve Weems, moved by Steve Weems and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chrissy Adamowicz. Unanimously approved.

**Staff Update:** by Jay Astle

- Continued discussion by the Town of Brunswick about the hauling of trash and recyclables to ecomaine in Portland. No final decisions made at this time.
- Stephen Wood asked if more companies besides Casella for hauling were involved with the bidding?

**Motion:** to table the topic by Steve Weems, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elise Hocking. Unanimously approved

**Action:** to schedule an extra sub-committee solid waste options meeting. Steve Weems to arrange the meeting with Jay Astle.

**Organics sub-committee meeting report:** Chrissy Adamowicz (chair)

- Waiting for the grant contract which is valid for 2 years from date grant was awarded.
- Unable to hire an intern until contract has been reviewed by the Town of Brunswick
- Currently 4 candidates for the 40 hours/ 10 weeks intern position to work on organic recycling.

**Action:** Chrissy and Jamie to arrange a follow-up meeting with Scott, facilities director for the school system, to discuss a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> organics drop-off site at one of the schools.

**Solar sub-committee:** Steve Weems (chair)

- Town Council and School Board approved contract with Revision for 20- year solar purchase agreement for schools and municipal buildings. Contract to cover 66% of municipal and school buildings electricity use at a 21.5% discount.
- Discussion and concerns about placement of solar farm, impact on the environment? Kate Furbish school and BHS are wired for rooftop solar systems.
- Time table for solar installation in Brunswick by Revision not until 2023.

**Education sub-committee:** Harry Hopcroft (chair)

- Education sub-committee in a holding pattern
- Education material, Times record Recycle Bin articles, short movies moved into a Google folder. This folder can be accessed by the public and will be the primary source for information about recycling. Jenn working on an index to make it user friendly.
- Stephen Wood and Harry finishing their Master Recycle course at ecomaine.
- Jenn sent the Google link to the committee members

**A shout out to Chrissy Adamowicz for the passing of the EPR (the Extended Producer Responsibility Bill) law by the Maine legislators and Governor Mills.**

- Maine is the first State in the nation. Oregon is working on a similar bill.
- Times Record July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 has an article written by Harry Hopcroft about the EPR bill.

**Bowdoin Sustainability Initiatives and Updates:** guest speaker Keisha Payson (Associate director of sustainability at Bowdoin College). Department is part of facility management.

- Goals for 21-22 school year reviewed by Keisha
- Reconnect with campus after the COVID year
- Release new climate action plan
- Major focus of campus building and campus heating
- Begin collecting data for our STARS program
- Bowdon College contracted with We Compost It for their organic waste.

**Other business:** Kay Mann mentioned "Citizen's climate lobby" advocating for Federal legislation by putting a price of carbon. To be further discussed at a R&S committee meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.**