

Bath Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Monday, July 27, 2026
5:00 PM - 6:00
Bath City Hall

Present: Rod Melanson, Megan Mansfield-Pryor, Chris Marks, Paul Perkins, Sorrel Dunn

- Minutes from June 29 Meeting (2 mins)
 - push for approval til next time
- Department Reports (10 mins)
 - Sustainability (Rod Melanson)
 - Landfill solar has a DEP construction meeting tomorrow
 - Tree pruning for 3-phase power will be beginning soon (fall?)
 - Should be up and running by next spring
 - Cindy, our intern, is doing a composting analysis to make recommendations viz. city-wide composting
 - Public Works Solid Waste and Recycling
 - Brian Salter will be Public Works Director
- Old Business (30 mins)
 - Survey & Incentive (Rod)
 - Most comments will be addressed by UMaine
 - Umaine just went through this in Portland. They had some notes/recommendations:
 - Table anywhere we can; work with partners to distribute; distribute paper surveys; school distribution; YMCA distribution
 - Chris can ask Community Development Committee where Bath Housing would like more compost drop-off sites
 - Incentives:
 - Bee Bath Buy Bath gift card for \$50 (or two for \$25?)
 - Five Runners-up get a free roll of blue bags
 - Publicity through partners:
 - bath climate calendar instagram; PFL, Union+Co, Green Arrow Yarns, Mocking Bird books in newsletter? Main Street Bath in newsletter? KELT, Bath Housing, others? Paper copies of survey will be with Rod (his email).
 - Climate Action Plan Implementation: SWAC Actions (all)
 - Education and Outreach
 - Webpages Review (all)
 - we may create another tab on shared spreadsheet to pool our feedback, link by link, and gather it for the new communications person
 - Neighborhood “Garbage Parties” and/or Dump Day Events

- combine with hazardous waste collection day?
 - have an event at public works(?) and have the trolley running continuous tours
- Composting
 - Garbage to Garden contract stipulates that the city will provide outreach and education materials
 - “City will develop and furnish education materials...”
 - We should see if ecomaine has messaging that we can use, and piggyback it on the solid waste survey
 - Notifications to residents viz routes/schedules/problems are responsibility of G2G
- Important to prioritize big leaps like more compost drop-off locations, or city-wide composting, over ongoing recycling education eg.
- Landfill
 - Open one Saturday per Month
 - this is a matter for council and for Brian once he is settled in as Public Works director
 - even if not every Saturday, or, one a month, there could be several Saturdays (eg just in the warm months, or, clean-out seasons in April/October)
 - will depend on union contracts, too
 - Revitalizing SWAP shop through volunteer effort?
 - With staff time?
 - How would it be scheduled? How many days open?
 - How to build the culture of respectful use of the swap barn?
 - Regular landfill tours with schools?
 - More regular middle school tours?
- New Business (10 mins)
 - Should we schedule a different meeting time to make it easier for all to attend?