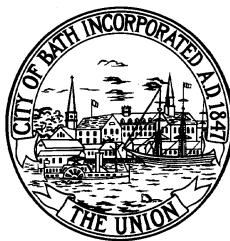


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Bath Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Meeting of May 24, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Elizabeth Dingley, Lee Leiner, Peter Owen, Aaron Park, Paul Perkins, Lou Ricciardone, George Sprague

Members Absent: Brook Vail

Guests:

Agenda:

- MDEP Waste Diversion Grant – Prep for grant award

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Reviewed grant tasks. Should get on calendar for banner installation. Designing and ordering the banner should be an early action item. Discussed production of print materials, including a survey to be used by the committee for gathering data and feedback from residents getting compost bins.

There was debate about the delivery process once the unassembled bins are sent to the City. An order form should be created and should include check boxes for preferences on assembly and pickup or delivery. Also, should include information to alert residents of the survey.

Discussed table at the farmer's market. A spreadsheet should be created for assignments for committee members to staff the table to give out information. A table will be needed, preferably small so that it can easily be placed and stored. Lou and/or George would be able to deliver an assembled bin to the market for display each week. Lee will call Robin at Chase Farm to inquire about having a table at the market.

A lecture will need to be arranged. George spoke with Chewonki. They would be able to provide a presenter at no charge. It could be combined with a student from the middle school. It should be recorded for repeated showing on BCTV. The committee will provide an emcee to keep the topic Bath-specific and include information on goals, the landfill, etc.

Flyers to be included with PAYT bag packages need to be designed.

Debate on how to judge the success of the program. The survey should include questions that can lead to judging success. A custom survey form may be needed for landlords of >6-unit buildings that participate.

Lee will send out an action item list via email to the committee.

Referring to the broader recycling education program – the public should be persuaded to reduce use of plastic utensils and shopping bags following a large increase due to Covid pandemic response. The City should start advertising the restart of the plastic bag ban. Lee will check on the status of the statewide plastic bag ban. Committee members will remind the public and Bath businesses through personal contacts.

Lee will be making a landfill update presentation to the City Council on June 9.

Next meeting: June 21, 2021