

Bath Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Meeting of September 26, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Elizabeth Dingley, Lee Leiner, Paul Perkins, George Sprague, Megan Pryor,

Members Absent: Lou Ricciardone,

Guests: Rod Melanson,

Agenda:

- Compost bin program updates
- Future committee projects

Compost Bin Program Updates:

Committee reviewed the survey data that was compiled and discussed the feedback. A summary of the data would be good to pull together. As of this meeting there are only 8 bins available at the DPW.

A discussion of having “browns” available for home composters was discussed. Megan mentioned Wicked Joe’s coffee chafe and will follow up with Rod for connecting.

Future Projects:

- Policy?
- Outreach?
- Restaurant – Compost Campaigns
- Recycling Monitoring Program
 - Reduce contamination
- Alternating weeks of garden to garbage and solid waste pick ups as brought up at our last meeting?
- School composting exploration
- Trash receptacles and interpretive signage
- Education intern (to develop outreach plan)
- “Trash to Treasure” – George had idea for upcycle program
- “Opt out” policy for napkins/ utensils (associated with food take out)
 - Dispatch Goods in bar harbor (?) reusable take out containers
 - Austin TX example
- Tax breaks for repairing versus disposal of appliances
- Lending Library (SOPO battery powered tool library)
- Food Rescue ME (Suzanne Lee)
- “BIW Boot Drive” (City Compost Fundraiser)

- Compost all of your fall décor (pumpkins/ corn/ etc.)

Next meeting: 5:00 PM, Monday, October 24, 2022, in the auditorium at City Hall

Note: The committee will plan to meet the fourth Monday of each month at 5 PM