

## Recycling Committee Minutes: November 14, 2019

Members Present: Councilor Holly Lasagna, Sharon Benoit, Dennis Connelly Sr., Ralph Harder, Silver Moore-Leamon, Rebecca Lloyd, Camille Parrish

Staff Present: Phil Crowell, Assistant City Manager

### Update to the City Council

We will be updating the city council on the work we have done so far. We will be requesting an extension to April 30, 2020 and for the City of Auburn to join on with the Natural Resources Council Maine's Recycling Reform Resolve.

### Maine Waste to Energy Tour feedback

- Very informative – John King is very knowledgeable and did a great job presenting (see website for more information <https://www.mainewastenergy.com/>)
- We create too much waste
- Surprised to learn that during certain months the plant is unable to burn all the waste brought in and must be hauled to a landfill
- Would like to know more about the carbon use and raw materials
- Should Auburn have permit stickers – possible project to study who is bringing waste in and are they Auburn Residents

### Timeline

- Update the council on the work-to-date
- Tour the Casella Plant TBD
- Eco-Maine Presentation
- Evaluate other municipalities – specifically South Portland's Sustainability Coordinator
- Report on LD1431 – testify at the legislative hearings
- Create an Education Awareness Campaign – “The kind of city we want to live in.”
- Explore contracting the outreach work

### **Next Meeting Dates:**

- Tuesday, November 26, 2019 7:30 am Location: Auburn Hall Conference Room 204
- Tuesday, November 26, 2019 11:30 am Solid Waste Forum – Location: AVCOG Manley Rd. Auburn
- Monday, December 2, 2019 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm – City Council Chambers
- Thursday, December 5, 2019 10am Tour Casella's 424 River Road Lewiston
- Thursday, December 19, 2019 7:30 am Location: Auburn Hall Conference Room 204 (Guest Lissa Bittermann – EcoMaine)