

## **Recycling Committee Minutes: November 26, 2019**

Members Present: Councilor Holly Lasagna, Ralph Harder, Silver Moore-Leamon, Rebecca Lloyd, Camille Parrish. Staff Present: Phil Crowell, Assistant City Manager

Update to the City Council: The city council update sheet was reviewed and finalized for the city council meeting on December 2, 2019. We will be requesting an extension for the committee to May 1, 2020 and for the City of Auburn to join on with the Natural Resources Council Maine's (NRCM) Recycling Reform Resolve.

Timeline: Starting in January, we will meet either the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month or the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Please email Phil with your preference. Other dates may be scheduled as needed.

- January meetings
  - Review municipality programs (South Portland's Sustainability Director will be invited to attend) – communities to include Waterville, Windham, Augusta, Saco, Sanford, South Portland, Lewiston, Biddeford, and Bangor
  - Begin developing any changes to Auburn's Recycling Program
- February meetings
  - Invite a local legislative representative and NRCM to attend the meeting to discuss LD1431
  - Begin developing recommendations and make any budget recommendations to the city manager for consideration for the FY21 budget
- March meetings
  - Create an Education Awareness Campaign strategy for Recycling in Auburn
  - Continuation of the Awareness Campaign and review a draft final report
- April meetings
  - Final recommendations
  - Final review of report for City Council

### Items needed:

- Sample ordinance which requires residents to recycle
- Current contract with Casella – what is their tonnage, contamination rate, and is there a built-in risk reward mechanism.
- EcoMaine and Maine Waste to Energy data
- Any communities outside of the State of Maine that is having positive recycling results

### Next Meeting Dates:

- 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)