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SWG Minutes June 18, 2024

Attending: Ben Lounsbury, Camille Parrish, Dave Griswald, Jane Costlow, Ralph Harder, Sharon Benoit

Guests: Mayor Jeff Harmon, Jenna-Rae Brown, Kathryn Oak

Presenter: Elena Bertocci, Environmental Specialist, Maine DEP

Ms Bertocci outlined key features of the Extended Producer Responsibility Law in its current form (see



Key points:

- **1.** A list of readily recyclable commodities which all participating municipalities must recycle will be finalized by the end of 2024.
- 2. Participating municipalities will be reimbursed per ton for recycling the specified commodities. The reimbursement amount will be based on median per ton recycling costs for similar sized municipalities.
- **3.** Participating municipalities will be reimbursed per ton for managing non-recyclable packaging at the per capita cost for municipalities of a similar size.
- **4.** Reimbursement for non-recyclable packaging sent to waste-to-energy incinerators will be reimbursed at a higher rate than non-recyclable packaging sent to landfills.