



## MINUTES

### **Auburn Solid Waste Task Force – Meeting minutes, June 4, 2024.**

Meeting called to order 10:00 at Auburn Hall

Present: Dave Griswold, Ralph Harder, Camille Parrish, Ben Lounsbury, Sharon Benoit, Brian Cullen, Jane Costlow. Jenna-Rae Brown from City staff attended the first thirty minutes to help with logistics and planning for the presentation.

Minutes of 5/28/24 were unanimously approved.

Discussion of timetable for completing our report and a potential date for the public hearing in advance of reporting to council (tentatively 7/15). Brief discussion of how to attract good numbers to that public hearing on preliminary findings/recommendations. The public hearing will tentatively be held 6/27 at 6:00 in the Auburn Hall Community Room.

Jane will work with Liz Allen on communication & outreach, aiming to roll out information two weeks in advance. Sharon will be in touch with Sasha Goodwin (former SWG group) to reach out to concerned Auburn residents on a list she's been keeping.

Draft wording for the announcement: **The Auburn Solid Waste Task Force is charged with providing recommendations to City Council on the city's solid waste policy. The task force will hold a public hearing on June 27 at 6:00 in the Community Room at Auburn Hall to share our preliminary recommendations. If you care about the city's trash policy, recycling, and food waste composting, please come and share your thoughts.**

Potential date for presentation to Council = July 15, although there was some discussion about whether we'd be able to make that deadline, bearing in mind the need to get documents out the week before.

Ralph reported that he talked with one of the people involved with the Maine EPR program (materials [available online](#) at DEP), who is available to meet with us and also to make a presentation to Council.

There was extended discussion of the executive summary, focusing on how to organize the overall report, and the relationship between the executive summary, the body of the report and potential appendices. The group also considered sub-committee recommendations that had been submitted via email. Jane will work with these, based on today's discussion, to produce a draft of a one-page handout.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Next meeting Tuesday 6/11, 10:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Costlow