



August 17, 2023  
9:00 AM–12:00 PM  
Community Center  
**ADOPTED WORKSHOP MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: D. Burnham, S. Malinowski, B. Evans (left early), & K. Stevens

Staff Present: B. Stern & E. Maggs

The meeting began at 9:01 AM.

**1. Draft Budget**

The Commission reviewed the 2024 budget line-by-line. The Commission agreed that the draft budget would be presented to the public at the August 24, 2023 meeting. The budget session concluded at 10:32 AM.

**2. Meeting Minutes - July 27, 2023**

Commissioners proposed edits to the July 27, 2023 minutes that were documented by the Minute Taker for correction.

**3. Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Inspections**

All Commissioners should review the inspection before the budget discussion on August 24 to categorize any impacts and catch anything that might be missing.

**4. Filling Commission Vacancies**

There is urgency to add a new member and inviting Meredith Doyen was discussed.

**5. Jayne Merner Senecal of Earth Care Farms Compost Consultancy Proposal**

K. Stevens and S. Malinowski talked with J. Senecal about the compost station. J. Senecal offered a 1-year consultation that would include guidance and visits (beginning October 12) to assess changes and ensure the new operations progress smoothly. J. Senecal would lead a public talk on how residential users could be good composters. She also invited the Commission to visit Earth Care Farms. Commissioners agreed that the \$6,000 fee seemed reasonable.

**6. Oxford/Vision**

The new Oxford policy that began August 1, 2023 includes vision.

**7. Solar Field/Coastal Path**

The Town Attorney's office suggested that an appropriate time to vote is when there is a vetted lease proposal in hand. The Town seemed favorable to the solar field. The Museum is also interested in developing a coastal path. The Museum's liability lawyer checked everything and the Commission felt assured the Museum would have good coverage. K. Stevens would check-in with the Town Attorney's office for confirmation of how the Commission should proceed.

**8. Casella's Recycling Pricing Proposal**

There was discussion of inviting someone from Casella to the next meeting for a discussion, including the difference between "mushing" and "crushing."

**9. Compost Shed**

There was mention of enclosing food scraps and perhaps offloading 1–2 sheds.

**10. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Katie Kibler, Minute Taker  
August 22, 2023

All Commissioners were provided with the opportunity to suggest clarifying edits for accuracy.

Revisions respectfully submitted by Katryna Kibler on October 17, 2023 & November 1, 2023