

Brunswick Recycling & Sustainability Committee

2022 Goals

Adopted by Committee vote on 1/25/22

Transmitted to the Town Council on 2/2/22

Subject to change/adjustment by Town Council

- 1. Support Council/Staff finalize a 10+ year solid waste & recycling contract with Ecomaine**
(The Town Council voted April 5th, 2021 to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate contacts with Ecomaine for the processing of solid waste and recycling, and Casella for the collection/hauling to get there. Neither have been finalized.)
- 2. Support staff and implementation of the DEP Organics Grant to expand the recycling of residential organics**
(In September 2021 the Town was awarded a grant to implement its “3-Prong Approach” to organics recycling. Implementation has been delayed for several reasons. The Town has two years to use the funds.)
- 3. Support development of an updated baseline GHG emissions profile for the Town**
(This Committee completed the Town’s first Climate Action Plan, which including an estimate of Town/School GHG emissions, in 2009. The Town Council also passed a Climate Emergency Resolution in 2019. An update is overdue. An updated profile will aid the Town in prioritizing emissions reductions initiatives.)
- 4. Actively research & support applying for grant/other funding opportunities that reduce emissions, mitigate the impact of climate change, and build a more sustainable community**
(“Maine Won’t Wait”, the state’s enacted climate action plan, and recently passed federal infrastructure legislation have created many sustainability grant opportunities that target a plethora of sustainability investments. Brunswick can position itself to take advantage of these funds to leverage initiatives.)
- 5. Improve our public education and communications efforts**
(Some public education efforts have been on hold pending the anticipated agreement and change to Ecomaine for recycling and solid waste. We’re ready to “up our game” with efforts related to solid waste and other sustainability themes.)