

Maine Climate Council Materials Management Task Force

April 12, 2024

12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Hybrid meeting held in person at #101 Deering Building, 90 Blossom Lane, Augusta, ME 0433 and via Zoom (not recorded)

Please refer to [MMTF webpage](#) for additional information about the Task Force.

Present:

- Co-Chair: Melanie Loyzim, Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Co-Chair: Cynthia Eisenhower, UMaine/Sen. George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions (zoom)
- Facilitator: David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute
- Staff: Megan Mansfield-Pryor and Ansley Grider, Maine Climate Council Intern
- Guests and Public: Stacy Knapp, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Jim Guerra, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Allison Bistline-East, University of Maine UMaine,), Carol Libby York Recycling Committee
- MMTF Members in attendance:
 - Travis Peaslee, Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (zoom)
 - Carla Hopkins, Maine Department of Environmental Protection
 - Alex Zipparo, Island Institute
 - Alison McKellar, Town of Camden Selectboard
 - Mike Carroll, Municipal Review Committee (zoom)
 - Vanessa Berry, Natural Resources Council of Maine
 - Jamie Garvin, ecomaine
 - Heather Steeves, Goodwill Northern New England (zoom)
 - Lane Gould, Maine Bureau of General Services (zoom)
 - Teddy Lyman, Maine Department of Education (zoom)
 - Kate Tomkins, Chickadee Compost (zoom)
 - Dan Wojciechowski, IDEXX Laboratories (zoom)
 - Lane Gould, Maine Bureau of General Services (zoom)
 - Shaina Cohen, Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (zoom)
 - Juliana Beecher, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Fellow
 - Susanne Lee, UMaine/Sen. George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions
 - Reed Miller, UMaine/Sen. George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions (zoom)

Meeting Minutes

- 12:30p.m. to 12:40pm: Introductions of Task Force Members and Guests, Acceptance of March Meeting Minutes

- 12:10-2:00pm: Presentations and Q&A -- Maine Food Loss and Waste Study from Carla Hopkins from the Division of Material Management
- Review of preliminary WARM Tool modeling for Maine Food Loss and Waste
- Discussion of training and deployment needs to grow local and on-farm composting opportunities, potential policies and areas worth focusing on to increase diversion.
- 1:45: Took 5 minutes to let everyone read the recommendations and then took a short break.
- 2:00pm: Proposed Policy Recommendations Discussion
 - Focus on equity, ensure education to reduce contamination and follow best practices for food diversion. Financial incentives can help promote action.
 - Discussed state food plan -could tie in local foods, hunger, and food waste diversion.
 - School share bins as anti-hunger and waste prevention.
 - Identified priority infrastructure to grow collection and processing.
 - Consider incentives for end products including biogas and compost (procurement)
- 3:40pm: Meeting Adjourned

Reminders:

- Detailed informal meeting notes including timing of discussions are provided in the [April 12th Task Force Meeting](#), which is accessible to all members and to the public upon request.
- Reach out to Megan Mansfield-Pryor (megan.mansfieldpryor@maine.gov) for any additional input.