

## Agenda

### Northport Recycling Committee

Purpose: To reduce and/or offset the cost of recycling in Northport

March 7, 2024

1. Review: EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) program (based on DEP webpage <https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/recycle/epr.html>):
  - a. Purpose and goals
  - b. Schedule for rule making and payments
  - c. Role of municipalities: From Molly –
    1. Sign up
    2. Collect “readily recyclable” materials
    3. Calculate and report management costs (containers, transportation, tipping fee, labor, education materials, safety equip. (Subtract revenue from materials sold, e.g. metals)
    4. Collect info and report the volume recycled (by material)
    5. Receive reimbursement
    6. (Submit funding requests for infrastructure: storage shed, compactor, bins, etc.)
2. Discuss: Why is Northport supportive of/ interested in this rulemaking process?
  - a. Cost of recycling
  - b. Ease of recycling
  - c. Effectiveness of recycling
3. Discuss: Northports current problems that could/should be addressed by this law?
  - a. Specific materials (eg glass)
  - b. Collection infrastructure
  - c. Transportation
4. Brainstorm a statement: Issues the rules should address that would benefit Northport and others.
5. Outline a statement to submit to DEP:
  - a. Topics to include
  - b. Order of importance
  - c. Who should this be addressed to and who should receive this?
  - d. When does it need to be submitted?
6. Final assignment
  - a. Will we draft a statement?
  - b. Who will submit it? Recycling Committee? Select board?
  - c. Who will write it?
  - d. How to review and approve?
  - e. Deadlines? (Public comment period ends Monday, March 18)
7. Adjourn