

October 15, 2020 and November 4, 2020



Biddeford Conservation Commission Minutes for 10/15

I. Call to order

Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Biddeford Conservation Commission at 6 PM on October 15, 2020 via on-line Zoom application.

Commissioners present: Richard Rhames, Chrystina Gastelum, Steve Reiter, Ken Buechs, Sue Amons,

Commissioners not present: Tom Craven, Bill Murray

Staff Representative and guests, Matt Eddy, Denis Rioux

Secretary's Report August, 2020: **Motion** to approve (KB), second (SR); approved unanimously. Ken mentioned that May, June, July minutes still missing from City web page.

II. Finance Report: KenB reported balance of \$3440

III. Old Business:

a) TBWS Educational Outreach: Appears there will not be a live field trip this year; pursuing remote activity possibility.

b) Climate Change Emergency Declaration: Resolution was adopted by 7-1 vote of City Council. Steve R will work with Council on forming task force. Two press releases were published and noted.

c) Biddeford Pool Contamination Update: Ken B reported that several measures are underway including water quality testing, funding, home septic testing and an agreement is in place with UNE, Marine Resources, UNE and the City Code Office.

d) Natural Resource Database Language: **ACTION:** Richard R will deliver language to be entered into database.

e) Comp Plan Update: new draft available, Natural Resources section TBD

f) Use of City email address for shared BCC correspondence. **ACTION:** Chrystine G offered clarification and will present concept next meeting.

IV. New Business:

- a) South Street Village Rezoning: Ken B reported sub-committee (M. Daly, Richard, Denis, Susan) will be reporting on action plan at Special BCC meeting scheduled for November 4.
- b) Mark Ward study reimbursement (\$654): Steve R will solicit City advice.
- c) New Mark Ward Proposal: Ken B reported that Mark is scheduled to conduct site walk and study on October 9 and 10 and present findings for discussion, approval at next BCC meeting

Next Meeting: scheduled for November 19, 2020 at 6PM.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion Chrystine G, Seconded Steve R, approved, adjourned 8:35 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Ken Buechs, Secretary

Minutes for Special Biddeford Conservation Commission Meeting, November 4, 2020: Public Meeting via Zoom

Call to order at 6pm.

Commissioners Present: Steve Reiter, Ken Buechs, Bill Murray, Richard Rhames.

Commissioners not present: Susan Amons, Chrystina Gastelum, Tom Craven

Guests: Meaghan Daly, Denis Rioux, Matt Eddy (Staff)

Steve R turned the meeting over to Ken B, Chair of the VMU sub-committee.

- a. **Motion to approve letter to Mayor, Staff and City Council requesting moratorium on all new zoning proposals until new Comprehensive Plan has been approved: Ken B, seconded by Steve R, unanimously approved.**
- b. **Motion to request separate session with Planning Board on VMU rezoning proposal per BCC responsibility in advisory role per BCC ordinance: Ken B, seconded by Steve R, unanimously approved.**
- c. **Motion to address conservation easement questions to Maine Water (R. Knowlton) responding to his invitation: Ken B, seconded by Steve R, unanimously approved.**