



Biddeford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2017

I. Call to order

Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Biddeford Conservation Commission at 7:08 PM on September 21, 2017 in the Council Chambers Conference Room.

The following commissioners were present: Tom Craven, Ken Buechs, Bill Murray, Casey Elmer, Dennis Roux, Steve Reiter, BCC Outreach Liaison, Emily Greene

The following commissioners were absent: Sue Amons

Guests:

Kelsey Johnson, Environmental Science Teacher, BHS
John Malloy, Staff Engineer & Planner, City of Biddeford
Richard Rhames
Alan Borg
Yuriy Reiter

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The June minutes will be sent to members for review and will be tabled for approval at the next meeting in October.

III. Finance Report

- a) \$5,000 total budget approved, nothing spent to date

IV. New business

- a) Airport tree cutting discussion
 - Trees are being cut by an abutter to the airport property, some cutting has been done for runway clearance (part of Trolley Museum land). No stump removal has been reported.
 - New Action: John Malloy to meet with Airport Manager to discuss
- b) Alan Borg, who lives in Ward 1 on Maddox Pond discussed his concern that Maddox Pond was dying and nothing was being done to mitigate the causes. He was concerned that the gravel road was scheduled to be paved and believed this would exacerbate the process. He noted algal blooms and masses of pickerel weeds were choking the pond and starving the pond of oxygen, He has lived there for some years and wondered what if anything could be done about it. There are 28 houses that are on or near to the pond.

- It was recommended by members that Mr. Bourke should discuss the issue with his neighbors and to show up as a citizens group at the next COB Council Meeting and to use that forum to raise the concern.
- c) Ken discussed the water shed model used for the TBWS school outreach program. The new model kit cost \$795.00. Ken was able to get donations from the Biddeford Water Company and the Kennebunk Wells Water Company, as well as a discount from the model supplier that reduced the total cost to \$184.00.

Motion: Ken motioned for the BCC to cover the remaining \$184.00. Motion was seconded, vote was unanimous for all members present. Motion carried.

V. Old business

- a) Scout Yuriy Reiter reviewed the status of his Eagle Project, to create stencils and enlist the scouts of Troop 308 to paint “Do not dispose waste – Drains into Brook” next to storm catch basins and drains in the Biddeford Industrial Park area. This area was recommended by City Engineer, Tom Milligan as the most critical within the TBWS system. Tom provided maps and a stencil to use as a guideline.
- b) Thatcher Brook Water Shed Outreach:
 - Emily, Tom and Ken to visit BHS on Oct. 2nd and 3rd
 - Kelsey Johnson discussed field trip for BHS environmental students to conduct water sampling within TBWS system scheduled for October 13.
 - o Two classes, approximately 40 students will participate
 - o Note: sampling is not certified

Motion: Tom motioned for BCC to cover \$175.00 cost of bus transportation for the BHS students and faculty. Ken seconded the motion, with unanimous vote of all members present. Motion carried.

- c) Ken discussed the need for documented regulations regarding TBWS relative to new building projects. John Malloy said that all new projects were vetted through the City Engineering Department as part of the approval process.

Next Meeting: Oct 19, 2017

Chair adjourned the meeting at: 8:35 PM,

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Steve Reiter, Secretary