

August 20, 2020



Biddeford Conservation Commission Minutes

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I. Call to order

Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Biddeford Conservation Commission at 6 PM on August 20, 2020 via on-line Zoom application.

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

Commissioners not present: Bill Murray, Tom Craven

Staff Representative: Matt Eddy

PRESENTATION: Clifford Park Report by Grace Glynn; presented a management overview of her report, followed by comments, questions and action items. Publicity for report will be coordinated by City Communications Office and include Friends of Clifford Park, BCC, Recreation Department and HoB. **Action: Matt Eddy will handle from here.**

Secretary's Report July 2020: **Motion** to approve (KB), second (SR); approved unanimously

II. Finance Report: Outstanding encumbrances of \$1451 from 2020 fiscal budget have been paid; only new FY2021 spending is minor.

III. Old Business:

a) TBWS Educational Outreach: nothing to report.

b) Climate Change Emergency Declaration : **SR** intends to get the resolution before the Council at second Council meeting in September.

c) Biddeford Pool Contamination Update: KB reported that there are some clam flats warning signs posted. M. Eddy reported that private septic system inspections have begun.

d) Natural Resource Database Language: **ACTION: M. Eddy** working to make the language more positive.

e) Comp Plan Update (Lead: Richard)

- Planning Board has undertaken South Street Village rezoning toward development of a master plan format moving forward.
- Looking forward to BCC input addressing natural resources

f) Use of City email address for BCC correspondence: **M. Eddy** will investigate implementation. **Motion** to table KB/SA, passed.

g) Mark Ward project and report: the study is complete and invoice approved. Further work suspended for now.

IV. New Business:

South Street Village Rezoning: after lengthy discussion, **Motion:** to establish a sub-committee to develop a BCC position recommendation to Planning Board (KB/SR), passed. **Action:** Ken B will assume chair and recruit members.

Next Meeting: scheduled for September 17, 2020 at 6PM.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion Ken B, SA, approved, adjourned 8:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Ken Buechs, Secretary