



Biddeford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2018

I. Call to order

Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Biddeford Conservation Commission at 7:00 PM on June 21, 2018 in the Council Chambers.

The following commissioners were present: Tom Craven, Ken Buechs, Bill Murray, Steve Reiter, Marsha Reynolds, Richard Rhames.

The following commissioners were absent: Sue Amons

Guests:

Michelle Furbeck, BCC Outreach Coordinator
Yuriy Reiter

Acceptance of May meeting minutes recorded by Michelle Furbeck: May minutes were approved.

II. Finance Report

- a) \$4,473.00 balance

III. Old business

a) TBWS School Outreach Program

- ✓ Michelle reported that the St. James School 8th and 9th grade science class field trip had to be postponed due to the instructor being injured in a fall. The trip is postponed until the Fall Semester.
- ✓ A recommendation was made to update the School Outreach PowerPoint slides with a YardSmart overview.

b) TBWS Stencil Project

- ✓ Yuriy Reiter reported that his Eagle Project has been approved by Scout District Eagle Committee and the stencils have been ordered and is expected to arrive by 10-July.
- ✓ The distribution of the fliers to business locations within the Biddeford Industrial Park has been scheduled for the week of 9-July. Actual work is planned for late July.

IV. New Business

a) Saco Island Hotel and Marina Complex, “The Waters”

- ✓ Project is not yet approved by the Saco River Corridor Commission.
- ✓ Deadline for SRCC position submission is 27-June.
- ✓ Ken reported on Sue’s review of the current proposal.

Several elements of concern were noted and discussed including:

- a) potential zoning concerns including building height allowances
 - b) no buffer of trees along shoreline was included in the plan
 - c) non-vegetative parking areas within the shoreland protection zone and storm water runoff
 - d) waste maintenance plans not included
 - e) marina location and density relative to fishways impacts
 - f) removal of any toxic materials found from prior industrial processes within the proposed area.
- ✓ Sue is working with new SRCC Director to clarify and determine position
 - ✓ Ken has spoken to Don Furman (SRCC) and Chris Feurt (UNE Saco River Watershed Collaborative), as well as to the Saco River Restoration Alliance.
 - ✓ **Motion** to approve BCC work on the proposed project despite it being in the City of Saco (since it directly impacts the preservation of the Saco River and this is within the charter of the BCC) was made by Ken, seconded by Bill and unanimously approved.

Next Regular Meeting: July 19, 2018

Chair adjourned meeting: 8:15 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Steve Reiter, Secretary