



City of Biddeford
Downtown Development Commission

August 28, 2024 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Second Floor Conference Room & Zoom

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1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.a Approval of Minutes from July 24, 2024
3. Old Business
 - 3.a Public Art Placards - Pat and Karin
4. New Business
 - 4.a Discussion - New projects?
5. Other Business
6. Updates and Discussion
 - 6.a Update - Water Street park
 - 6.b Update - HPC Design Guidelines
 - 6.c Update - Establishment of new Sustainability Commission
7. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes Wednesday July 24th, 2024

A meeting of the Downtown Development Commission was held in the Conferences office at City Hall. Call to order at 5:30 pm on Wednesday July 24th, 2024.

Roll Call; Present: Steve Beaudette, Bob Cyr, Karin Gregory, Neva Gross, Jeffrey Purser, and Patrick Mourmouras, City Staff: Brad Favreau. Absent: Marrick Auger, and Ken Jordan.

Motion by Karin, and seconded by Neva to accept the previous meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

Attendance: We've had a couple of members who have missed several meeting with unexcused absences. Policy is three unexcused absences warrants removal from the commission. Patrick and Brad will articulate a letter to those individuals.

Updates: Brad shared that mill buildings 19 and 20 on Maine Street have been given approval for 64 new apartments, and 25 new apartments in the mill building property on 12 Pearl Street. Pending the final approval of the Historical Preservation which will be sometime in September.

EPA Grant: University of New England and the Heart of Biddeford are collaborating on a writing a grant to pursue clean air initiatives with six projects. 1. Installing EV charging stations. 2 A tree planting program. 3 Developing a bike plan as a mode of transportation throughout the city. 4. Implementing electric bike program. 5. Energy efficiency to convert multi unit buildings with heat pumps, weatherization, and insulation. 6. Renovate and update the JR Martin Community Center. The total request is approximately 16 million dollars of the 2 billion dollars available through the EPA Grant.

Old Business: The HOB will not pursue the grant for placards for the River Walk points of interest.

New Business:

Signage: From our walking tour of the downtown mill area at the last meeting there was interest to provide some kind of informational signage placards to explain some of the art on the buildings and points of interest in the downtown area. Karin and Patrick volunteered to start a subcommittee to investigate and indentify areas starting with the Arts in the downtown area. Brad will forward some of the contacts that could assist with providing information.

Motion to adjourn made by Karin, and seconded by Stephen to adjourn.

Next meeting will be August 21st, 2024