

City of Biddeford
Conservation Commission
April 27, 2023 6:00 PM Second Floor Conference Room & Zoom
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**Status: Conservation Commission Meeting, Thursday, April 27, 2023, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM,
Second Floor Conference Room**

1. Welcome new member

- 1.1. Patrick Conlon
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2. Secretary Report

- 2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2023
[BCC Meeting 2023-04-05 \(003\).pdf](#)

3. Adjustments to the agenda

4. Finance Report

- 4.1. Richard presented the Commission's request for \$5,000, to the City Council Budget Committee at their April 10, 2023 meeting. No decisions have been announced yet.

5. Old Business

- 5.1. Mark Ward Clifford Park visitation(s)
MCHT monitoring visit/trail lay-out consult

6. New Business

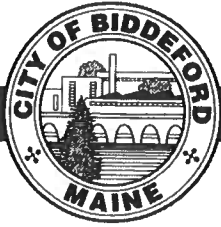
- 6.1. Yard-scaping event: Thatcher Brook Watershed
SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Yardscaping Workshop presented by the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District. City Council Chambers, May 30th 6:00-8:00PM
- 6.2. Comp Plan Update:
First Reading by City Council May 16, 2023
Second Reading by City Council June 6, 2023
- 6.3. LD 665 Update
Build-out Scenario-Re-visit?
- 6.4. Newtown Road Concerns-Peter Robbins
- 6.5. Recycling/MSW contract renewal
Earth Day & The Ad Council
- 6.6. Erik's Updates
[BCC - 2023 Website Content 04-21-2023.pdf](#)

6.7. Commissioners' Telephone Numbers-Wiped?

7. **Other Business**

8. **Next Meeting-May 18, 2023 6:00 PM; City Council Chambers & Zoom**

9. **Adjourn**



CITY OF BIDDEFORD

Application for City Committees, Commissions and Boards

Date: March 28th 2023

Name: Patrick Conlon

Street Address: 79 Granite St.
Biddeford ME 04005

Mailing Address: _____
(if different) _____

Phone Number(s): 347-331-3982

Email Address: paddymike2@gmail.com

Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to:

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| ☐ • Airport Commission | ☐ • Harbor Commission |
| ☐ • Biddeford Citizens Advisory Committee | ☐ • Historic Preservation Commission |
| ☐ • Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee | ☐ • Planning Board |
| ☐ • Biddeford Housing Authority | ☐ • Policy Committee |
| ☐ • Biddeford Police Advisory Committee | ☐ • Project Canopy Committee |
| ☐ • Board of Assessment Review | ☐ • Recreation Commission |
| ☐ • Cable T.V. Committee | ☐ • Recycling & Solid Waste Management Commission |
| ☐ • Capital Projects Committee | ☐ • Shellfish Conservation Committee |
| ☒ • Conservation Commission | ☐ • Wastewater Management Commission |
| ☐ • Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee | ☐ • Zoning Board of Appeals |
| ☐ • Downtown Development Commission | ☐ • Other: |
| ☐ • Economic Improvement Commission | |

CITY OF BIDDEFORD
Committee Application

Please list any prior experience serving on any Public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates)

The Jersey City Vision Zero Task Force. The VZTF was responsible for creating the Vision Zero Action Plan which is still being used today in Jersey City New Jersey to reduce deaths and severe injuries on Jersey City streets to the only acceptable number... Zero. (2018 - 2021)

Please list any other experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve on.

Past President (2017-2021) of Bike JC in Jersey City New Jersey. Bike JC is a 501 c3 non-profit organization that advocates for safer streets and a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly city. We often worked closely with the Friends of Liberty State Park to keep the park land open and green as year after year plans were put forth to privatize and develop large parts of the park into for profit ventures such as golf holes, additional marinas, concert venues and racetracks.
Presently working as an employee of the Eastern Trail Alliance as the Trail Manager.

Please provide a brief statement describing your interest in serving the City of Biddeford.

As a civic minded and relatively new tax paying resident / property owner in the city of Biddeford I've been observing and leaning how the city structure operates and I feel that my past experience can be beneficial to our evolving and growing city.

Attach any additional information to this application and return it to the City Clerk's Office.

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Wednesday, April 5, 2023

1:05 – 1:50

Attendees: R. Rhames, D. Rioux, E. Heumiller, M. Lowell, P. Robbins

Guests: G. Mitchell

1. Meeting Called to order at 1:05pm.

2. Richard Rhames Presented the proposal for the work in Clifford Park.

- Greg Mitchell noted that the BCC budget is smaller than the required funds for the work.
- Dennis asked if we could carry over a balance
- Greg would rather we didn't
 - Lessen the scope?
 - Do some of the work after July 1st.
- Eric noted the travel could be submitted later.
- Greg again stressed to stay in budget.

3. Greg suggested that the BCC inform someone in charge of the park that we were having someone do some work in the park. The BCC could let Greg know who and when and Greg would pass that information along.

- Dennis noted that the Park is a public space.
- Dennis cited 'Other' organizations accessing the park.
- Dennis will contact Carl Walsh with regards to the upcoming work.

4. Mike Lowell noted that the cost of the proposed work was very reasonable.

- Mike made a motion to spend \$1155 on a revised proposal.
 - Seconded by Dennis Rioux.
 - The vote was unanimous.

5. Richard noted the mentioning of a spotted turtle being seen in some earlier work, and also a number of Blanding's turtles. Richard feels that the group of Blanding's might have been eradicated.

6. Eric noted he would like to connect with Mark when the work was being done to possibly shadow him and lend an extra set of eyes.

7. Richard reminded the BCC of the Comp Plan presentation this evening to the Planning Board.

- Dennis noted that there is language missing about limitations that the BBC had requested in the recent BCC workshop to help Christine Ohman with the Ag and Forestry section of the comp plan.
- Greg commented on the process. Mentioned the ability of Staff and Commissions to have input. Richard questioned the robustness of the process. Covid was cited as a major factor for some of the process shortcomings. Greg commented on engagement, the process, and the schedule.
- Richard noted that on earlier comp plans the BCC was listed as and implementor and word on the street is that decisions on implementation would be handled by the Planning Office.
- Peter Robbins questioned if the BCC could bring specific verbiage to the process and some discussion ensued.

8. Peter motioned to adjourn.

- Mike seconded.
- Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Biddeford Conservation Commission

Proposed Website Updates - April, 21 2023

Prepared by Erik Heumiller

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission works in research and advisory roles with city planners on both environmental and conservation needs — helping to maintain healthy ecosystems and public access to land for future generations in the City of Biddeford.

The Conservation Commission consists of seven commissioners, each appointed for a five-year term. Annually, at its first meeting, the commission elects a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary.

Contact the Commission: conservationcommission@biddefordmaine.org

Agendas & Minutes

The Conservation Commission meets monthly, and agendas are available prior to meetings. Minutes are available following approval.

[View Archived Meeting Minutes](#)

Commission Members

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Denis Rioux
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Maya Atlas
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Michael Lowell
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Patrick Conlon
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Peter Robbins
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Term Expires: 12/2028

Staff Liason

Gregory Mitchell
Planning and Development Director
Contact by email

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Conservation Resources

If you're interested in learning about conservation easements, or other options for your land that don't involve development — explore these organizations:

- Saco Valley Land Trust (sacovalleylandtrust.org)
- Maine Farmland Trust (mainefarmlandtrust.org)
- Maine Woodland Owners (mainewoodlandowners.org)
- York County Soil and Water Conservation District (yorkswcd.org)
 - Contact Melissa Brandt at 207-324-8888

How Can You Help?

Our city is more than the boundaries between our neighborhoods and the undeveloped spaces around them. Every resident contributes to the health of our ecosystem and benefits from access to these wild spaces.

Conscious (but simple) efforts you can take today impact:

- The quality of our waters
- Local fishing and shellfish harvesting
- The health of children and pets

Explore the resources below to see how you can do your part to ensure Biddeford's connected ecosystems can thrive.

Resident Resources

- Guide to Environmentally-Friendly Home Care (**new PDF in progress - add once completed**)
- [Best Management Practices for the Application of Turf Pesticides and Fertilizers \(PDF\)](#)
- [10 Simple Steps to a Safe and Healthy Lawn](#)
- [7 Questions You Should Ask Your Lawn Care Company](#)
- [The Biddeford YardSmart Pledge](#)
- [Maine Yardscaping Partnership](#) (phone: 207-287-2731)