

Biddeford Conservation Commission

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.