

Downtown Development Commission

Meeting Minutes March 9th, 2023

A meeting of the Downtown Development Commission was held in the City Hall Conference room 5:30 pm on Thursday March 9th, 2022.

1. Call to order: Roll Call; Present: Steve Beaudette, Bob Cyr, Victoria Foley, Susan Swanton, and Julian Schlaver. Guest Beverly Thorpe. Excused Absent; William Emhiser. Absent; Ari Brandstein, Camille White, Patrick Mourmouras

City Staff: Brad Favreau

New Business:

The DDC was presented an overview of the Biddeford Climate Task Force's public outreach presentation. Feedback notes were captured by Beverly Thorpe of the BCTF during the brief Q & A's.

Old Business:

Biddeford Public Markets; Discussion continued on feasibility to coordinating a new public Farmers Market. The members reviewed the updated revised list of potential vendor list. Several concerns came up. First with the starting timeline, as some farmers may not have fresh produce to sell until mid June, and secondly, that some farmers may already be committed to another venue, and lastly contacting each farmer in person to survey could be time consuming and difficult prior to the next meeting.

The goal is to have a small pilot program for this coming season. The immediate task is to contact primarily the farmers on the list to see who, and how many would be interested before the next meeting before deciding on dates and detailed logistics. The vendor list was passed around and each member took several farmers to contact and survey for potential committed participation.

A motion by Susan and seconded by Steve to approve Downtown Development Commission's Minutes of January 18th, 2023, and February 23rd, 2023 meetings. All voted in favor.

Julian made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Steve. All voted in favor.

Submitted by; Bob Cyr Secretary DDC

Upcoming DDC meeting dates:

March 20th, 2023 5:30 pm in the Chambers

April 27th, 2023 5:30 pm in Conference Room

May 15th, 2023 5:30 pm in the Chambers

June 29th, 2023 5:30 pm in the Chambers

