



Commissioners Present: Clearwater, Dubois, Droggitis, Durkin, Edwards, Foley, Nielson, Schlaver, Swan [QUORUM]

Commissioners Absent: n/a

City Representative: Eddy, Favreau

.....

I • Welcome New Commissioner: Susan Swanton

II • New Officers: Chair – **Bill Durkin** (Move: Schlaver, Second: Droggitis; unanimous)
Vice Chair – **Julian Schlaver** (Move: Droggitis, Second: Dubois; unanimous)
Secretary – **Stephanie Edwards** (Move: Dubois, Second: Schlaver, unanimous)

III • Vote to approve Feb 2018 Minutes
[Moved: Foley, Second: Clearwater, Vote: Unanimous]

IV • Reports

• Budget

\$4015.38 remaining from FY17
Hold on for a couple months to see if Overlook Plaza tables will work out.
FY19 – Submitted for \$5,000
Presentation of budget March 6; Budget Committee begins March 8
DDC Budget memo –
- Foley – agenda/budget online, will alert DDC; Clearwater will cross reference line items for DDC memo; Edwards will send to entire Council by Thursday March 8 (and will resend
- Whole Council – contactallcouncilors@biddefordmaine.org
Things to check – “Clean Team”; Beautification lines; DDC and DTF priorities

• Main Street Planning

Council to vote March 6; vote on Parking (location and development), Adams/Lincoln intersections improvements, Lincoln Mill improvements
Parking Discussion
Schlaver – impacted business owners; mixed plan with attention to detail; urge involvement in process in cooperation with downtown stakeholders; Need to balance restaurant and business use as well as residential
DDC – potential host of future parking impact/business owner feedback events



Motion to write a memo: Clearwater; Second: Schlaver

Discussion: Edwards – will draft general memo re: support of expanded parking development (e.g. garage) as part of city parking needs especially in the downtown, with community involvement and including blended use of stakeholders (businesses; residents, etc), also DDC will volunteer as body for feedback, mixed time parking, including due process including all downtown needs; (NOTES: about half spots are committed; general questions and comment from commissioners; Greg from Economic Dev will attend next DDC for more information and feedback)

Vote: Unanimous (Foley abstain)

Discussion: re: including location in memo (no – concerns re: sequencing of roll out and how all stakeholders are involved)

V • Old Business and City Business

• WiFi

Favreau update: 265 Main Street (Flood, Axiom, and electrician will meet tomorrow 3/6 for quote on fiberoptic and electric needs for roof); then GWI technician will come over to turn it on; then signs will be made (Sponsor New England Cancer Specialists have agreed, signed and paid)

• Stop signs for Lincoln/Main/Adams Intersections

Review Dubois memo re: Main and Alfred/Lincoln

Will send to City of Biddeford Engineering and Chief of Police

• Potential subcommittees

Business Retention;

Parking and Transportation;

Cleaning and Beautification;

Gateways and Signage;

Façade Improvement (HUD CDBG);

Riverwalk/Public Spaces/Parks;

Downtown Zoning and Housing;

Potential: Economic Diversity/outreach/host public discussions/zoning; ad hoc committees as needed (with Neighborhood Plan, discussion with Eddy)

Arrange guest speakers from each area – determine needs and overlapping goals

VI • Meeting Adjourned (8:13p)

[Moved: Edwards, Second: Foley, Vote: Unanimous]