

Biddeford Conservation Commission

Minutes, February 18, 2021

Called to order via remote Zoom application at 6PM

Attendees: K. Buechs, R. Rhames, C. Gasteleum, M. Atlas (welcomed as newly appointed member)

Absent: T. Craven, S. Amons

Guests: M. Daly, D. Rioux, M.Eddy

Adjustments/Consent to Agenda: added South Street Conservation Easements

Secretary's Report, January 2021: approved unanimously as submitted.

Treasury Report: balance \$2153 (less \$1052 committed)

Old Business

Election of Officers 2021, nominations: Chair C. Gasteleum, Vice-Chair R. Rhames, Secretary K. Buechs. Approved unanimously.

VMU Rezoning Position Paper: Discussion of final draft culminated in motion to table until Special Meeting on February 23 (later postponed until March 1); approved unanimously.

Mark Ward proposal for an index of open spaces within the City was received and a motion to table discussion until Special Meeting on February 23 (later postponed until March 1) approved unanimously.

New Comprehensive Plan PEP: Chrystina and Richard represent the BCC on this working Planning Board activity. Natural Resources portion needs considerable work.

South Street Conservation Easements: follow-up meeting scheduled

New Business: none

.Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ken, Secretary

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Minutes: Special Meeting BCC, March 1, 2021.

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Attendees: K. Buechs, R. Rhames, C. Gastelum, M. Atlas

Absent: T. Craven, S. Amons

Guests: M. Daly, D. Rioux, M. Ward

Agenda:

VMU Position Paper (M. Daly): After discussion regarding findings, recommendations, content, and timely presentation, the following motion (Ken B), seconded by Richard R, carried unanimously:

Final content approved

Additional work on web page summary by M. Atlas

C. Gastelum to contact Planning Board requesting opportunity to present document at separate PB meeting timed to PB schedule for VMU consideration.

M. Ward Index of Open Areas and Working Landscapes: Mark led a discussion on his proposed approach to project. Agreement was reached and additional comments and dialog will be forwarded to him as follow-up.

Comprehensive Plan and PEP: additional content, graphics are needed. R. Rhames will work with videos, media and social conduits to fill voids.

Meeting adjourned 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted: K. Buechs, Secretary