



Biddeford Conservation Commission Memorandum

January 17, 2019

I. Call to order

Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Biddeford Conservation Commission at 7:07 PM on January 17, 2019 in the Council Chambers.

The following commissioners were present: Tom Craven (Chair), Ken Buechs, Sue Amons, Marsha Reynolds
Richard Rhames, Steve Reiter

The following commissioners were absent: Bill Murray

The following guests were present:

Jim Bennett, City Manager

Tom Milligan, City Engineer

II. Jim Bennett

- a) An issue was raised regarding existing rules of SRCC from 1973 (amended 1995) that conflict with present day rules for city zoning and development. Standardization of regulations between the city and the SRCC need to be agreed upon, such that both entities are in compliance.
- b) Standardization of existing regulations will allow developers and investors of potential new development and redevelopment projects to have clarity for project costs.

III. Tom Milligan

- a) Ken inquired about the clam flats closure and Tom explained how the closure is decided and that it was not an issue with the Waste Water Treatment Plant
- b) Thatcher Brook Water Shed Management Plan:
 - ✓ City requested extension for Phase 1 of plan
 - ✓ Projects have been started to improve habitat and stream flowage
 - ✓ Grant written for Phase 2 is currently being reviewed by EPA
 - ✓ City has requested additional funding for retrofits

- ✓ Ken asked about matching funds for project labor per his email. This includes BCC member school outreach efforts. Needs this info asap.

IV. Approval of minutes: minutes from December were approved by members present after revision

V. Finance Report

Balance of \$3,492.05, January 2019 reporting.

VI. Old Business

- a) Tom discussed Michelle Furman's potential replacement based on her email communication.
- b) Steve discussed status of effort to support City Public Works project to improve compliance to Zero Sort Program. No current activity due to holidays and vacation. Next step will be to vote on brainstorm ideas and prioritize resulting actions and assignments (next meeting).
- c) Annual election of officers (by unanimous vote of members present):

Chair: Ken Buechs

Vice Chair: Tom Craven

Secretary: Steve Reiter

VII. New Business

No new business items were discussed due to time constraints

Next Meeting: Feb 21, 2019

Chair adjourned the meeting at: 9:15 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Steve Reiter, Secretary