Biddeford Conservation Commission Memorandum DRAFT

January 16, 2020

I. Call to order

Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Biddeford Conservation Commission at 7:05 PM on December 19, 2019 at City Hall.

Commissioners present: Tom Craven, Richard Rhames, Chrystina Gastelum, Steve Reiter

Commissioners not present: Ken Buechs, Sue Amons, Bill Murray

Educational Outreach Coordinator: Kayla Burdick

Guests: Meaghan Daly, Professor Environmental Studies, UNE

II. Secretary's Report: Approved by quorum

III. Finance Report: Current: $4,602.00

IV. Old Business:

a) TBWS Educational Outreach (Lead: Kayla)

- BHS instructor recommends approaching middle school for presentation invitations

b) Climate Change Emergency Declaration (Leads: Steve & Chrystina)

- Steve has appointment with Mayor to discuss
- Chrystina to work with Steve on PowerPoint slides for next Council Meeting
- January 29th – Maine Climate Council

c) Biddeford Pool Contamination Update: (Leads: Bill & Tom)

- (Tom) Commercial clammers have been observed in Pool, Tom to investigate and report at next meeting. Bill will be following development by attending Shellfish Commission meetings through the Spring.

d) Wildlife Study Waiver Update: (Lead: Richard)

- To be on agenda at next Planning Board Meeting in February

e) Comp Plan Update (Lead: Richard)

- No meeting has been scheduled yet
- Plan is not yet addressing natural resources
- Plan is still in draft form and being reviewed

f) Natural Resource Database Update (Lead: Richard)

- Richard and Denis Rioux are following up with City (Copeland) before authorizing budget for M. Ward, will report in February.

V. New Business:

a) TBWS Workgroup (Lead: Steve)

- Steve attended the 14-Jan meeting and provided copies of his written summary
- Next meeting of the TBWS WG is tentatively scheduled for the month of July

Next Meeting: scheduled for February 20, 2020

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Ken Buechs, Secretary