



**City of Biddeford**  
**Conservation Commission**  
February 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers & TEAMS

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1. Declaration of Quorum
2. Secretary Report
  - 2.a Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2025 & January 28, 2026
3. Updates
  - 3.a Comp Plan Update-Chapters Natural Resources/Water Resources
  - 3.b Army Corps FOIA Update
  - 3.c Thatcher Brook: Watershed Management Plan (WMP) Update
  - 3.d Swan Pond Brook: Data/WMP Update
  - 3.e Grant/Funding sources for watershed projects? (DEP/NRCS?other?)
  - 3.f BCC Website
4. New Business
  - 4.a Southern Maine Invasive Coalition
  - 4.b March Enviro Event? Bunny Cut II
  - 4.c Current Use State Review/"audit"
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn-Next Meeting 3-25-2026 Time to be determined later.

**City of Biddeford**  
**Conservation Commission**  
December 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

**Attendees:**

Richard Rhames, Peter Robbins, Michael Lowell, Erik Heumiller, Chris Veazie

**Staff:**

Adi Iriqat, City Planner

**Guest:**

Call to order: 5:05 pm

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1. Declaration of Quorum / Voting Members
  2. Adjustment(s) to Agenda
  3. Secretary Report
    - 3.a Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2025
      - Motion to approve: E. Heumiller, Second: C. Veazie, Vote: Unanimous
  4. Presentations
    - 4.a ~~Addie Halligan, Maine DEP — Thatcher Brook WMP + Comprehensive Planning~~
    - 4.b Water Resources Chapter (Comp Plan)
      - C. Veazie presented draft chapter
      - Discussion and edit suggestions
      - E. Heumiller and C. Veazie to make edits
        - Share revisions with DEP, Planning Board, and City staff
    - 4.c Comp Plan Process
      - Recap: 3 chapters were missing from the Comp Plan when originally submitted to the State
        - Existing Land Use
        - Natural Resources
        - Water Resources
      - Revisions to Future Land Use Chapter has no timeline
        - E. Heumiller suggests making sure this chapter aligns with all the recommendations/strategies within the Natural Resources Chapter
      - Rolling submission
        - City needs to develop a timeline to meet all revisions over time

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- 4.d December Workshop - Planning Board + Conservation Commission
  - Focus on Growth Area Maps and Natural Resource Chapters
  
- 5. New Business
  - 5.a Master Planning: Erosion of local land-use authority
    - Need development data to help pull data together about the types of development and where it's happening to really understand how zoning influences the types of available units
    - Biddeford should develop a system to track housing units approved each year to ensure that an accurate stock of unit is available for conversations about zoning, etc.
      - # of home each year
      - What types of homes
      - Where development is clusters
      - A heat-map could be a good way to visualize it
  
  - 5.b Input from Maine Municipal Association (Conversation w/ Kate Dufour)
  
- 6. Other Business
  - 6.a US Army Corp of Engineers reviewing development proposals in the SR-1 zone
    - To get any insight about what they are studying, we would need to submit a request via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
    - Forward a request for the City to pursue the FOIA request through the Planners office
  
  - 6.b Public Meeting - Thursday Dec. 18, 2025
    - Public comment and meeting about Brownfield Program grant funds for the former MERC site
      - JRR Martin Community Center
  
  - 6.c Institutional Zone - Possible Review of the Zone?
    - On the City Council agenda for 12/16 meeting
    - Is this something the BCC wants to be involved in?
  
- 7. Adjourn
  - Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
  - Joint Workshops with PB to continue 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in January
  - Motion to Adjourn: P. Robbins, Second: E. Heumiller, Vote: Unanimous

**City of Biddeford**  
**Conservation Commission**  
January 28, 2026 at 6:45 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

**Attendees:**

Richard Rhames, Dennis Rioux, Peter Robbins, Patrick Conlon, Erik Heumiller, Chris Veazie

**Staff:**

Adi Iriqat, City Planner

**Guest:**

Addie Halligan, Maine DEP

Call to order: 6:54 PM

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1. Declaration of Quorum / Voting Members
2. Presentation
  - 2.a Addie Halligan, Maine DEP — RE: Water Resources
    - Background
      - Watershed Management Unit
      - Focus on watersheds with nonpoint source solution (non-regulatory)
        - Biddeford Pool
        - Thatcher Brook
        - Swan Pond Brook
      - Point source pollution would be handled by the regulatory side of DEP
    - Comp Plan: Water Resources Chapter
      - DEP has provided a checklist for development of the chapters
      - Send current chapter to BCC to get approval to share with Addie
    - Thatcher Brook WMP
      - Addie provided a guide for updating as a watershed management
      - Original designation of Urban Impaired Stream was delivered by the stormwater team at DEP
      - Having a WMP will allow Biddeford to pursue 319 grant program for implementation funding
      - Beneficial to update to provide new guidance for CFUP funds
      - 604b funds require a 25% match, and can be used to develop updates to a WMP
      - 319 funds require a 40% match, and can be used to implement improvements within the watershed
    - Addie to share a presentation on Swan Pond Brook and a town-wide WMP from Gray, ME

3. Secretary Report
  - 3.a Documents for Comp Plan Chapters
    - Looking to confirm that everyone on the commission can access shared documents as we work collaboratively
  
4. New Business
  - 4.a Election of Officers (per Ordinance)
    - Motion by D. Rioux to continue current slate of officers, seconded by E. Heumiller, no discussion
      - Chair: Richard Rhames
      - Vice Chair: Peter Robbins
      - Secretary: Erik Heumiller
  
5. Updates
  - 5.a Comp Plan Process
    - Water Resources Chapter
      - Share current version with Addie Halligan at DEP
    - Natural Resource Chapter edits
      - R. Rhames feels we're getting closer to a final "trends" section
      - E. Heumiller to send to Commission for approval
        - Then to be sent to Planning Board
    - E. Heumiller to share conservation parcels spreadsheet w/ BCC
  
  - 5.b Conservation Commission Website
    - No updates
  
6. Other Business
  - 6.a South Street Connector / Turnpike Exit - Update
    - No updates on the highway
    - Curious about approvals
  
  - 6.b US Army Corp of Engineers reviewing development proposals in the SR-1 zone
    - E. Heumiller to send a request for the City to pursue the FOIA request through the Planner's office
      - Motion: E. Heumiller, Second: P. Conlon, Vote: Unanimous
  
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