

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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**Agenda
Conservation Commission
Monday June 13, 2016
Conference Room – Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
7:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. EXCUSED ABSENCES** Jeff Miller
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. May 24, 2016;
 - b. May 9, 2016;
 - c. April 11, 2016
- V. UPDATES**
- VI. ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. Open Space Work Plan.
 - b. Planning for Open Space Budget.
- VII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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Minutes
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
April 11, 2016
Conference Room – Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present: Jesse Wheeler, Chair; Erickson Smith, Secretary; Elissa Chesler, Member; Jeff Miller, Member; Mike Handwerk, Member and Jacquie Colburn, Member.

Also present: Bob Osborne, Planning Director.

II. GREETING OF NEW MEMBER Jacquie Colburn

III. EXCUSED ABSENCES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 25, 2016 Minutes – Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes with a noted spelling change and excused absences. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted five in favor, none against the motion with one abstention.

March 14, 2016 Minutes – Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes with corrected typos. Mr. Smith seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Wheeler moved to adopt the agenda with an added discussion on land for sale at Northeast Creek. Mr. Smith seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Northeast Creek Area – The area was cited as interesting for paddling, canoeing, cranberrying and the Stone Barn off Crooked Road. The Commission talked about potential uses and interests for the area ranging from just hold to subdivide/develop and other uses. The thought was that the landowners should be made aware of the defined area and the many natural resources that are at play within the area. It was suggested that Maine Coast Heritage Trust might be interested in a role in a public outreach. Real estate community might be approached to help them understand the special nature of the area.

There was a question about what gis files the town has. (There is a file associated with the Open Space Plan).

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. Open Space Plan Discussion.

The Commission discussed potential changes for the Open Space Plan.

- b. Pay as You Throw Discussion.

The Commission discussed the town's Pay as You Throw proposal for a trial period and explored if they wanted to craft a recommendation but decided to not do so..

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Open Space Work Plan

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Colburn moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Handwerk seconded the motion which was approved unanimously at 9:35 pm.

Erickson Smith Secretary
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission

Date

Minutes
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
May 9, 2016
Conference Room – Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present: Jesse Wheeler, Chair; Erickson Smith, Secretary; Elissa Chesler, Member; Jeff Miller, Member; Mike Handwerk, Member and Jacquie Colburn, Member.

Also present: Bob Osborne, Planning Director.

II. EXCUSED ABSENCES

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 11,, 2016 Minutes – The minutes were deferred.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Chesler moved to adopt the agenda as published. Mr. Smith seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

V. UPDATES

The Commission discussed the need to create a memo to the Council on the ongoing proposed revisions to the Open Space Plan. Chair Wheeler provided a memorandum from FB that set out some estimates for crafting educational pamphlets. Possible topics for such pamphlets might include Northeast Creek, Dark Skies, Vernal Pools, etc. The idea would be to create a template that could be used and reused. Would only make one pamphlet initially. There was some discussion of the maps in the Open Space Plan that could be either updated or improved in some fashion. One possible idea was to look at a map of unfragmented undeveloped areas.

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Pull together response from Town Council meeting and proposed changes to Open Space Plan. Set a working meeting for May 24 at 6:00 pm strictly to work on language revisions.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miller moved the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Colburn seconded the motion which was approved unanimously at 8:25 pm.

Erickson Smith Secretary
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission

Date