

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Conservation Commission
Monday, September 19, 2016
Conference Room – Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
7:00 P.M.

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Minutes
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
August 8, 2016
Conference Room – Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
7:00 P.M.

I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bob Osborne asked for nominations for a slate of officers for the Conservation Commission. It was noted that Erickson Smith was no longer on the Commission.

After some discussion the slate of officers offered was Jesse Wheeler for Chair as nominated by Jeff Miller; Mike Handwerk for Vice Chair as nominated by Jesse Wheeler and Jacquie Colburn for Secretary as nominated by Jesse Wheeler. All nominations ceased. The Commission voted five in favor and none against the slate of officers.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. Members present: Jesse Wheeler, Elissa Chesler, Jeff Miller, Mike Handwerk, and Jacquie Colburn.

Also present: Bob Osborne, Planning Director.

II. EXCUSED ABSENCES

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Joint Town Council/Conservation Commission meeting were accepted.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Chesler moved to adopt the agenda as published plus adding an item on the Land Use Ordinance. Mr. Miller seconded the motion which was approved five in favor and none against.

V. UPDATES

The Commission talked about the need for additional members.

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. Night Sky Festival (September 22 - 25)- Any promotion or coordination of ordinance reminder

The Commission discussed if there are any activities that members could volunteer to do prior to the Festival. They discussed that there are a number of elements to the festival including tourism and lighting reforms. The commission discussed if there would be an opportunity for local publicity such as radio interviews to explain what the night sky means to the community and the participants.

- b. Next steps for Landowner engagement for Open Space.

The commission discussed that the next meeting should include a landowner focus and control for the agenda.

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Colburn moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion which was approved unanimously at 9:34 pm.

Jacquis Colburn, Secretary
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission

Date

Minutes
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
July 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, Acting Chair; Eric Smith, Secretary; Mike Handwerk, Member and Jacquie Colburn, Member.

Also present: Bob Osborne, Planning Director.

II. EXCUSED ABSENCES

Jeff Miller, Elissa Chesler.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the agenda with the added discussion about election of officers. Jesse seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

V. UPDATES

Eric noted that this was his next to last meeting and that he would not serve as secretary. It was determined that the Commission would not hold election of officers

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Open Space Work Plan

The Commission talked printing, outreach efforts and goals achievement.

b. Planning for Open Space Budget

The Commission discussed the costs associated with various efforts such as printing of pamphlets an reports.

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Handwerk seconded the motion which was approved unanimously at 8:30 pm.

Eric Smith, Secretary
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission

Date

Minutes
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
June 30, 2016
Conference Room – Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: Jesse Wheeler, Acting Chair; Elissa Chesler, Member; Mike Handwerk, Member and Jacquie Colburn, Member.

Also present: Bob Osborne, Planning Director.

II. EXCUSED ABSENCES

Jeff Miller.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

V. UPDATES

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Open Space Work Plan

The Commission talked about composing a letter to property owners for a public meeting. They discussed the possibility of developing topic oriented pamphlets and holding meetings tailored to single topics. The Commission spoke about voluntary participation with landowners and strategies that could work here and elsewhere.

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Chesler moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Handwerk seconded the motion which was approved unanimously at 8:00 pm.

Eric Smith, Secretary
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission

Date

Minutes
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
June 13, 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, Acting Chair; Eric Smith, Secretary; Elissa Chesler, Member; Mike Handwerk, Member and Jacquie Colburn, Member.

Also present: Bob Osborne, Planning Director.

II. EXCUSED ABSENCES

Jeff Miller.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. May 24, 2016;
- b. May 9, 2016;
- c. April 11, 2016

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

V. UPDATES

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. Open Space Work Plan

The Commission discussed side by side comparisons of a couple of chapters. They discussed the need to get with larger affected property owners. They discussed Chapter 2 habitat discussion and examples of importance. They discussed elements of outreach documentation. They discussed a table of pamphlets for potential production. It was generally agreed that the initial revisions would be done to chapters 1, 5 and the last chapter.

The Commission discussed what might make the final chapter useful to the Town Council. 1) Education/Com plan with budget needs by resources and

by region. 2) Zoning changes, MTF, agriculture, Agritourism, 3) Strategic acquisitions that are voluntary and collaborative, 4) Strategic development, bikelanes and other recreation opportunities, 5) Overlays and priorities such as Northeast Creek, Crooked Road, Town Hill Bar Harbor connection, natural habitat connectivity, water access, working waterfront and other scenic and cultural elements. Strategies need assigned responsibility to carry out action. Grants and possible funding agencies and partners..

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Next meeting on June 30 as a workshop.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Chesler moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Handwerk seconded the motion which was approved unanimously at 9:00 pm.

Eric Smith, Secretary
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission

Date