

MEETING MINUTES
Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
Monday, January 11, 2021
Meeting by Invitation to Zoom Webinar- Starting at 5:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Chair Handwerk. Members present: Mike Handwerk, Chair; Kaitlyn Mullen, Vice Chair; Kim Zdenek, Vice Chair; and Jacquie Colburn, Secretary.

II. EXCUSED ABSENCES

There were no excused absences.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (accessible through Zoom webinar)

Mr. Will Matteson participated in the meeting to discuss the Open Space Plan - see Item VI. Other than Mr. Matteson, no other members of the public were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The members reviewed the draft minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting, one correction was requested and made to change "spreadsheet" to "appendices" in item VII. A motion was made to accept the January 4th minutes as revised. Motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Handwerk asked for any revisions or additions to the agenda; there were none. A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

VI. ONGOING BUSINESS

Open Space Plan Update

Commissioners held a Zoom webinar meeting with Will Matteson. Working with Mr. Matteson, the Commission discussed and reviewed the entire draft including chapter text and graphics, the appendices, and the executive summary. Mr. Matteson will finalize the changes and send the final draft to members. Upon receipt, Chair Handwerk will forward the draft document to Michele Gagnon, Town Planner, and Cornell Knight, Town Manager, along with a cover email and ask them to review and comment on the Plan by January 25th. For upcoming meetings, members agreed to discuss the implementation costs of some of the Plan's goals and strategies; these items/costs could then be included in the Commission's budget request to the Town. Chair Handwerk offered to compile a list of Plan FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) and submit them to the members for review and discussion.

VII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

For the next meeting on January 25th, members agreed to review and approve the Open Space Plan, discuss Plan FAQs, and the Commission budget and possible budgetary requests.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacquie Colburn, Secretary