

**Bar Harbor Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 10, 2022**  
**Third Floor Conference Room**  
**5:30 -7:30pm**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Co-Chair Kaitlyn Mullen. Members present: Co-Chair Kim Zdenek (via phone), Jacquie Colburn, Secretary, and Christian Barter, member. Guests present: Steve Fuller, Assistant Town Planner.

**II. EXCUSED ABSENCES**

There were no excused absences.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

Since the weather made it difficult for Co-Chair Zdenek to attend the meeting in person, Mr. Fuller suggested that going forward the Commission meet remotely. The members agreed to do so for the February and March meetings and to revisit the topic in March.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The members reviewed the draft minutes of the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The one revision necessary was removing the word “vice” before Ms. Mullen’s and Ms. Zdenek’s names, as they are co-chairs, not vice co-chairs. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the December 13, 2021, minutes as revised. Motion was unanimously approved (4-0).*

**V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Co-Chair Mullen asked for any revisions or additions to the agenda. Ms. Colburn requested that “Prospective New Members” be added under New Business. *A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition as discussed. Motion was unanimously approved (4-0).*

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

• Open Space Plan - Update to Town Council

At the May 4, 2021 Town Council meeting, the Council requested that the Commission return to a future meeting to discuss the Plan. The members agreed to develop a PowerPoint presentation for the meeting. They discussed the contents of the presentation, each volunteered to compile the highlights from a chapter and any shared goals between the OSP and the 2007 Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Colburn will create the PowerPoint and she will send a slide template to members.

Ms. Colburn asked Mr. Fuller if the presentation/discussion with the Town Council could take place at the Council’s March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Fuller will check with Liz Graves, Town Clerk and get back to the Commission. When the public hearing will be held for the OSP was not determined, but hopefully it could take place shortly after the presentation/discussion with the Town Council.

- Prospective New Members

Ms. Colburn said that she had recently spoken with Liz Graves, and that Ms. Graves indicated that another community member was being considered for membership to the Commission. Everyone agreed that this was good news.

## **VII. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- American Aquafarms

Co-Chair Mullens stated that Liz Williams, Chair of the Marine Resources Committee reported to that committee that DEP had recently modified its clean water discharge requirements. The application is still pending before the DMR as American Aquafarms had not found a viable alternative egg source.

- Open Space Plan

See above under New Business.

- Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Colburn stated that the first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The meeting consisted of committee member and team introductions, as well as discussions regarding the role of the committee, the timeline and phases for the plan, and how best to engage the public in the plan development. The next CPC meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

The date of the next meeting is Monday, February 14, 2022, and it will be a remote meeting.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacquie Colburn, Secretary*