

**Bar Harbor Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**5:30 -7:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Co-Chair Kim Zdenek. Members present: Co-Chair Kaitlyn Mullen, 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.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The members reviewed the draft minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. A few revisions were made to Item I, including correcting that Co-Chair Mullen, not Co-Chair Zdenek called the meeting to order, and adding “(via phone)” to clarify Co-Chair Zdenek’s attendance. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 10, 2022, minutes as revised. Motion was unanimously approved (4-0).*

**V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Co-Chair Zdenek asked for any revisions or additions to the agenda. Ms. Colburn requested that “Membership” be added as a standing agenda item under Section VI Ongoing 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

The committee members reviewed, discussed, and edited the draft PowerPoint presentation. They agreed to continue to work on the presentation focusing on the Council’s question as to which goals and strategies to focus on first. They will review the presentation again at the March meeting.

Regarding a date to meet with and update the Town Council, Mr. Fuller said that the April 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting might work. He will check with Liz Graves, Town Clerk and get back to the Commission. When the public hearing will be held for the OSP has not yet been determined.

**VII. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- American Aquafarms

Co-Chair Mullen attended the most recent Harbor Committee meeting where Rep. Lynne Williams provided an update regarding the status of the American Aquafarms application. Local representatives have sent a letter to the Governor and the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) expressing concern regarding the application. A bill may be introduced to

the Maine Legislature to increase the DMR application fee for such an application from its existing \$250 to possibly as much as \$100,000 or more. American Aquafarms is still searching for a viable alternative egg source.

- Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Colburn asked if the members had received the plan newsletter which was distributed electronically by the Planning Department on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. She also said that at the committee's February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, various public education and outreach techniques were reviewed but the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing existing conditions pertaining to land use, housing, zoning, and parking. The next CPC meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Budget

Mr. Fuller stated that, if approved, the Commission has been assigned a budget of \$500 for FY 2023. The Commission presently has a budget of \$400 from FY 2022.

- Membership

Mr. Fuller informed the Commission that the Town Council would be considering Ted Koffman as a Commission appointee at the Council's February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

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

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacquie Colburn, Secretary*