

**Bar Harbor Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 14, 2022**  
**Conference Room – Municipal Building**  
**93 Cottage Street**  
**5:30 -7:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Co-Chair Kim Zdenek. Members present: Co-Chair Kaitlyn Mullen, Jacquie Colburn, Secretary, Christian Barter, member, and Ted Koffman, new member.

Guests present: Steve Fuller, Assistant Town Planner.  
Mr. Fuller attended the meeting until 5:45pm.

**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 February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The only revision was to correct the spelling of Co-Chair Mullen's last name. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 14, 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**

• Welcome and Introduction of New Member

As this was Mr. Koffman's first meeting, existing members welcomed him to the commission. He introduced himself and the existing members did likewise. Members also providing some background regarding the Open Space Plan and related projects that the commission has undertaken in the last 1-2 years.

• 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 April meeting. Regarding a date to meet with and update the Town Council, Mr. Fuller will check and get back to the commission.

- Update to Commission regarding Council Retreat

The retreat was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> and Co-Chair Zdenek attended on the Commission's behalf. She said that it very well run and informative. The attendees were asked to focus on 3 priorities for the town, including: housing, tourism, and infrastructure. Climate considerations were factored into the discussion for each of the topic areas.

## **VII. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- American Aquafarms

Co-Chair Mullen stated that there was nothing new to report since the last meeting of the commission.

- Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Colburn explained that she was not able to attend the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting because she was travelling. She did ask the members if they had received the plan newsletter which was distributed electronically by the Planning Department on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. She also said that according to the agenda for the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, that existing conditions (land use, housing, zoning, and parking) will be reviewed and that there will be discussions pertaining to the economy and transportation. The next CPC meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Budget

Co-Chair Zdenek said that the commission will have \$900, if the recommended \$500 is approved in this year's town budget.

- Membership

Ms. Colburn asked Co-Chairs Mullen and Zdenek if they were going to seek re-appointment to the commission, since their terms come up for renewal in June. Both indicated that they would be stepping down as members.

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

The date of the next meeting is Monday, April 11, 2022; it will be an in-person meeting.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacquie Colburn, Secretary*