

**Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2022
Conference Room – Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
5:30 -7:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Co-Chair Kim Zdenek. Members present: Co-Chair Kaitlyn Mullen, Jacquie Colburn, Secretary, Christian Barter, member, and Ted Koffman, member.

Guests present: Steve Fuller, Assistant Town Planner.
Mr. Fuller attended the meeting until 6:00pm.

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 March 14th meeting and no revisions were needed. *A motion was made and seconded to accept the March 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. Co-Chair Zdenek requested that “Bar Harbor Community Solar” be added to the agenda item under Section VI 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

- Bar Harbor Community Solar (Site Plan SP-2022-02)

The Commission was informed by the Planning Department that the Planning Board had received an application for a 15 acre ground-mounted solar farm, to be located off Knox Road in Town Hill. Co-Chair Zdenek reviewed the information on the Planning Board’s webpage and prepared several questions which she submitted to the Planning Department for their review and response.

- Open Space Plan - Update to Town Council

Mr. Fuller confirmed that he had spoken with the Kevin Sutherland, Town Manager, and the Open Space Plan will be on the Council’s May 3rd agenda. The members and Mr. Fuller discussed, and the members agreed to ask the Council to accept the Plan. This is consistent with the request made by former Commission Chair Mike Handwerk when he presented the Plan to the Council in May 2021. Mr. Fuller asked that the OSP presentation be submitted to Liz Graves, Town Clerk, the week before the meeting.

- Other Items

Mr. Koffman talked about Scarborough, ME; several years ago, the town adopted an ordinance regarding the use of pesticides. He offered to send a link to the members following the meeting.

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 the next meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Committee would be Wednesday, April 13th. She told the members that the Committee would be discussing open space and recreation and transportation. She asked if members had received the most newsletter from Steve Fuller, apparently, they had not. Ms. Colburn said that she would follow-up with the Planning Department.

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The date of the next meeting is Monday, May 9, 2022; it will be an in-person meeting.

Reminders:

Neither Ms. Colburn nor Mr. Koffman will be present for the June meeting.

The July meeting will be the last for Co-chairs Mullen and Zdenek as their respective terms expire at the end of July.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jacquie Colburn, Secretary*