

**Bar Harbor Conservation Commission**  
**Workshop Notes**  
**Monday, July 10, 2023**  
**Bar Harbor Town Hall - 3rd Floor Conference Room**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The workshop was called to order at 5:37 pm by Acting Chair Jacquie Colburn.  
Members present: Acting Chair and Secretary Jacquie Colburn, Christian Barter and Ted Koffman.  
Note: Since the Commission consists of 3 members, a quorum does not exist.

**II. EXCUSED ABSENCES**

There were no excused absences.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

**IV. REVIEW OF WORKSHOP NOTES**

The April and May workshop notes were not prepared so no review was conducted.

**V. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

The members reviewed the Workshop agenda; no revisions or additions were made.

**VI. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- Membership

Members discussed the benefits of COA students joining the commission and questioned whether COA students could be members. Ms. Colburn offered to speak with Liz Graves, the Town Clerk, for guidance.

- Budget

Ms. Colburn said that to the best of her knowledge, there had been no changes to the Commission budget since the last meeting.

- 2035 Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Colburn talked about the four public Visioning Sessions that were held at the end of May, all of which were well attended. Members then discussed their impressions from the Visioning sessions they attended and concurred that they were well facilitated and that a great deal of public input was acquired because the sessions were held at different times and in four different locations to encourage greater public participation.

- Commission Work Plan

Mr. Barter developed a spreadsheet of the tasks associated with the activities outlined in the Plan. The members reviewed the spreadsheet and made a few edits. Since the Plan is a guidance document it will be revisited/updated every other month or more often if needed.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- Follow-up from April Workshop & Prep for August Workshop/Meeting

Members questioned whether COA could help map the following:

- low-density development districts

- groundwater availability and recharge areas
- invasive species distribution
- vernal pools locations
- types and distribution of pollinator species
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Ms. Colburn offered to contact Gordon Longworth, COA GIS Lab Director to determine availability to attend the August workshop. Mr. Koffman offered to contact Ken Cline, COA Professor of Law and Public Policy, to learn more about student projects pertaining to transportation.

Mr. Barter explained that the environmental assessment for the Great Meadow Restoration Project was completed and submitted by the Park Service, and they are awaiting a response.

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

In addition to the above, other items may also be included on the next agenda.

#### **IX. ADJOURN**

The workshop adjourned at 6:50pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacquie Colburn, Secretary*