

Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
Workshop Notes
Monday, January 9, 2023
Bar Harbor Town Hall - Council Chambers
5:30 – 7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order at 5:35 pm by Acting Chair Jacquie Colburn.

Members present: Acting Chair and Secretary Jacquie Colburn, Christian Barter, member and Ted Koffman, member.

Guests present: Steve Fuller, Assistant Town Planner

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 members reviewed the October 24th, November 14th, and December 12th Workshop Notes.

There were no revisions to the October and November notes; a few minor revisions were made to the December notes.

V. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

The members reviewed the January 9, 2023, Workshop Agenda; no revisions were made.

VI. ONGOING BUSINESS

- Open Space Plan

Members reviewed and discussed the housing presentation that was made to the Planning Board in January 2022. They also talked about the PUD (planned unit development) regulations and the viability of raising height limits of existing and future structures. Due to the lack of available land, both Mr. Barter and Ms. Colburn expressed concern regarding the requirement that 30% of a development needs to provide affordable housing and whether that figure be achieved. Mr. Koffman emphasized the need for good models of what can be done, such as the Jones Marsh development. All agreed that a multi-faceted approach is necessary to address the town's affordable housing needs.

- Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Colburn reported that at the December 2022 CPC meeting the feedback from the October forums was presented and discussed in detail. In addition, upcoming activities, and products, including the housing analysis that is being developed by RKG Associates, and the visioning exercise that the committee will undertake over the next few months were discussed.

- Acadia Affordable Workforce Housing Bill (and Town Hill property)

No one had anything new to report since the December workshop.

- Great Meadow Restoration Project (and Glen Mary Park)

Mr. Barter offered to ask Jason Flynn, Compliance Officer for ANP to attend a future workshop to discuss the work proposed for the project. Further, he stated that the first steps to restoring the

meadow and improving water flow includes replacing several culverts and, in particular, the one located under the Park Loop Road.

- Membership

Mr. Koffman stated that he is hopeful that he might have identified some possible future commission members.

- Budget

Ms. Colburn said that she had nothing new to report since the December workshop.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Report

As Mr. Fuller had prepared a report on the commission's behalf, no other input from the members was needed at this time.

- Commission Workplan

Ms. Colburn drafted a simple work plan for the commission to review, discuss and edit. Ms. Colburn will send an updated version to members and Mr. Barter will put it into an actionable (spreadsheet) format.

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 7:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jacquie Colburn, Secretary*