



**SPCC MEETING**

<b>LOCATION</b>	South Portland City Hall, Lower-Level Conference Room
<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	<b>September 19, 2016; 6:30 PM</b>
<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>	D. Critchfield (Chair), M. Braley, B. Klotz, B. McKeagney, J. Meredith, J. Pagano, M. Sheehan; D. Hogan; B. Dee
<b>GUEST(S)</b>	None
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	October 3, 2016; 6:30 PM

<b>APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES</b>	- Discussion and vote on approval		
<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b>	- None		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</b>	- Commission vote on new officers: Chair person; Vice Chair; Secretary	David C.	20 min.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	- Nothing to report		
<b>ONGOING MATTERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Grant applications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Casco Bay Estuary Project – Planning discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Open Space Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discuss July 11<sup>th</sup> City Council briefing by Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Commission Goals &amp; Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review current and planned focus areas</li> <li>▪ Updates on Open Space Planning, Freshwater Comp Fund</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jody M.	20 min.
<b>COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>City Initiatives &amp; Standards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Freshwater Compensation Fund grants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Bob M.	20 min.
<b>MEETING AJOURNED</b>	- Closing remarks	Group	

### **SPCC Mission Statement**

The South Portland Conservation Commission is a volunteer board appointed by the City Council to work with the Council, city departments, other committees, and the community on matters related to the creation and protection of the city's natural resources (open spaces, the coastline and all fresh water bodies and wetlands) as well as the mitigation of environmental impacts on those resources.

### **SPCC Powers & Duties (Article 3, Division II, Section 2-79)**

- A. Shall keep records of its meetings and activities and make an annual report to the city council;
- B. Shall conduct research in conjunction with the Planning Board on local land areas;
- C. Shall seek to coordinate the activities of conservation bodies organized for similar purposes;
- D. Shall keep an index of all open areas within the city, whether publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps, and other wetlands, for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the proper protection, development or use of those open areas. The commission may recommend to the city council or to any board of the city or to any body politic or public agency of the state a program for the better protection, development or use of such open areas, which may include the acquisition of conservation easements;
- E. May advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which it considers necessary;
- F. Shall assist the city in promotion of its open space and park plans, including the Greenbelt Master Plan, the Clarks Pond Study and the Recreational Area/Open Space Study and Linkage Plan; and
- G. Shall undertake any other conservation or environmental activities referred to it by the City Council.