



## South Portland Conservation Commission

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### AGENDA

Monday December 6, 2021

6:30-8:00

Via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/96169544586>

**Indigenous Peoples Statement** We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Wabanakek or Dawnland. The Passamaquoddy, Micmac, Penobscot, Abenaki and Maliseet collectively comprise the Wabanaki Confederacy. We acknowledge their ancestors- past, present, and future. We honor with gratitude the land itself and this calls us to commit to learning to be better stewards of the land we inhabit and invite all people to share in the work.

- Approve minutes November 15, 2021
- Meeting date changes January and February
- Special presentation December 20 SPCC meeting
- New member orientation
- OSAC report
- Ongoing Open Space Plan implementation issues:
  - Tiering municipal properties pre-development ordinance- update City Council second reading
  - Open Space Easements on Bug Light, Millcreek and Hinckley Park-Update City Council Second reading
  - Open Space and Parks zoning ordinance- update City Council second reading
  - Land Bank ordinance revision- update City Council second reading
- Upcoming Council workshops December 7
  - Chapter 2 - Establishing a **property tiering system** for municipal properties - another second reading
  - Chapter 18 - Amendments to the **Land Bank Ordinance**.
- 2021 Annual Report
  - SPCC Projects New and Old
    - New projects discussion :

- Commenting on switching from impervious surface to other more environmentally friendly paving solutions.
- Providing signage at stormwater catch basins reminding citizens that the stormwater runoff drains into Casco Bay,
- Comments on reducing the number of required parking spaces and therefore reducing the size of parking lots. Portland has revised ordinances around this issue.
- Comments on ensuring that Maine native plants are used in landscaping plans for future development.
- Studying the City's use of salt/chloride in winter. Should we be requesting low-salt areas?
- Providing signage at Ruterbories and the Piggery. Many community members often do not know where the open spaces are located.
- Comments on increased locations for electric car charging stations.
- FWCF discussion/proposed projects
  - Sable Oaks
- Barberry Creek and stream rehabilitation FWCF
  - Contact with John Field
- Open Space Properties:
  - Old Joe's Pond update
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Tree ordinance
  - Update
- Conservation Corner
  - FWCF information/explanation
  - Peat
- Grant Opportunities
- Education regarding forests
- Site Reviews
  - Site review process
- Next agenda items
- Next meeting December 20, 2021 6:30 Zoom



