TOWN OF KENNEBUNK

CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING 1/19/2016

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

On January 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 306 of the Town Hall, Ellen Wolf, Chairman of the Conservation and Open Space Planning Commission for the Town of Kennebunk, called to order the Regular Meeting.

Present: Ellen Wolf, Chair; Nick Branchina, Vice Chair; Jen Shack

Next meeting: Monday February 1 2016 @ 6:00 pm
February meeting: Tuesday February 16 @ 6:00 pm

II. MINUTES

The Chair presented the following minutes for approval:

1. January 4 2016
2. November 2 2015

The minutes of January 4 2016 were accepted as amended.

The minutes of November 2 2015 were unanimously accepted as read.

III. OBJECTIVES FOR ORDINANCE PLANNING

A. To reduce the use of synthetic chemical pesticides

B. To educate the public about the effects of synthetic chemical pesticides

1. Official definition of the term 'Pesticide'
2. Notification of pesticide use & effects
3. Data to verify Commission education outreach

C. To encourage the public to use certified organic products

IV. ORDINANCE UPDATES AND PLANS

A. Ordinance must be enforceable and applicators and their clients should be consulted for their reactions

B. Prepare questions for users in Focus Group

C. Use steps in Ordinance proposal for Focus Group

1. Applicators could include reps from Mainely Grass, Atlantic Pest solutions, Al Searles, Dan Viehman, Property Managers
2. Discuss non-compliance in Focus Group
   a. Risk of not getting Permit
   b. Risk of not doing signs
3. Discuss rationale for notifying abutters about pesticide applications
4. How should abutters be notified?

D. Organic applicators must adhere to the Ordinance

V. **QUESTIONS ABOUT ORDINANCE PROPOSAL**

A. Does the proposed Ordinance reduce the use of synthetic pesticides?
B. Should we adopt or adapt the Best Management Practices?
C. Should we have different standards for Shoreland & Resource Protection zoning?
D. Should we include standards for those Zones in the Ordinance?
E. Is an Aquifer zone the same as a watershed area?
F. Who will be issuing the Permits?
G. Who will be in charge of non-compliance?
H. Should list of chemicals for users include effects of pesticides?

****The Commission needs a much better understanding of the Zoning Laws**

****The Commission must review the 'Best Management Practices'**

VI. **DISCUSSION ABOUT NOTIFYING ABUTTERS ABOUT PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS**

A. Abutters can pay the State $20/yr to be notified BY Commercial applicators
B. Abutters get notified about construction permits without paying anything
C. Signs required by Ordinance proposal can be seen by neighbors in some neighborhoods but not in rural areas

VII. **SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE FOCUS GROUP**

A. Applicators won't want to be at the Focus Group
B. This proposal is an inconvenience. Keep the meeting simple.
C. Since the applicators would rather not be at the meeting, don't give them choices. Give them answers to 'What am I required to do?' & 'What is the cost?'
D. Goal of Focus Group should be to create little resistance
E. Bring in the stakeholders and solicit their comments

****The Commission must find out costs for Permit and non-Compliance**

VIII. **SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

A. Communications Tower: requesting a contract zone
Questions: how many trees will be cut down?
why do they need a contract zone?
should we request an environmental impact statement?

B. Ross Road subdivision
Issue: Waiver request because only edge of property is within Sewer District regulation of hooking up if within 1500 feet of sewer line

Discussion:

- 50,000 sq. ft. of wetlands on lots 1, 2 and 3
- 14,000 sq.ft. of wetlands on lots 4,5, & 6
- No wetlands on Lot 7
- Thompson Rd developer said that hook-ups allowed him to spend less on septic systems and raise price of homes

- Rte 9 developer exchanged hooking up for additional lots i.e., contract zone
- Jen doesn't want to use the word 'approve' in our recommendation
- Nick suggested recommending hook-ups for lots 1,2,& 3

C. Longwood Drive

No comments

****Branchina will write Ross Rd recommendation intended for the Planning Board**

****Shack will attend site walk on Jan 23**

****Commission must be smarter about quid pro quo**

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Review of draft for tax letter included suggestions to keep it simple, reference children, use 'wildlife' judiciously, eliminate all adjectives and adverbs, reference 'honeybees.

B. Make it a Notice

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Ellen Wolf, Chair

Kennebunk Conservation and Open Space Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: Ellen R Wolf 3/9/16