

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 6 2017
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

On February 6 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 306 of the Town Hall, Ellen Wolf, Chairman of the Conservation and Open Space Planning Commission (COSPC) for the Town of Kennebunk, called to order the Regular Meeting.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday February 21 @ 6:30pm

March meetings: Monday March 6, 2017 @ 6:30 pm
Monday March 20, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

- II. MINUTES** The minutes of January 17 2017 were accepted as amended
The minutes of November 21 2016 were accepted as amended

III. KENNEBUNK RIVER WATERSHED

- A. Staff from the Wells Reserve and the Soil Conservation Service will spearhead the activities for writing the Planning Grant.
- B. The staff will write for the 2018 Planning Grant to allow for time to gather the necessary data and to involve the stakeholders.

IV. REVIEW VERNAL POOL TRAINING, CHART & HISTORY

- A. Wolf distributed a chart of the 4 significant vernal pools in Kennebunk.
- B. Interested volunteers from COSPC and the town need training to collect data about the vernal pools in town. In addition to the 4 on the chart, there are 17 other pools that should be monitored.
- C. A former COSPC member, John White had identified all of the pools and collected some data from each one, but now we must formalize the effort if we are to help land owners want to conserve them.

**Wolf will hunt for appropriate training programs for volunteers

V. REVIEW OF SITE PLAN PROPOSALS and/or SITE WALKS

- A. At the Kennebunk Sewer District site walk, Wolf asked about snow storage. It will be stored on two sites but there are no plans for removing excess snow in case of an extremely heavy winter. Snow piles will melt into the nearby wetlands.
- B. Wolf reported that the 4 vernal pools on the Harts Road site are easily accessible. The potential communications tower will not affect them but road widening might

affect the one Significant vernal pool. The Fire Dept needs the current road widened.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Annual Report suggestions
 - 1. Grant goals and process
 - 2. K. River data
 - 3. Testings
 - 4. Site Plan proposals
 - 5. Name change
- B. Tax letter subject

****Wolf will send CC's last tax letter submission to Todd**

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Ellen Wolf, Chair

Kennebunk Conservation and Open Space Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: Ellen A Wolf Date: March 20, 2017