TOWN OF KENNEBUNK

CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING 3/7/2016

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

On March 7, 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: March 21 2016 @ 6:00pm

April meetings: Monday April 4 2016 @ 6:00 pm
Monday April 18 2016 @6:00 pm

II. MINUTES

The Chair presented the following minutes for approval:

- January 19 2016 was unanimously accepted as amended;
- February 1 2016 was unanimously accepted as amended;
- February 8 2016 was unanimously accepted as read;
- February 29 2016 was unanimously accepted as amended.

III. OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED PERMIT ORDINANCE

During a meeting with Town Manager Barry Tibbets and Economic Director Mat Eddy, COSPC members identified the three main objections by Land Care professionals:

- that licensed and trained professional applicators felt targeted;
- that homeowners and unlicensed applicators who were more likely to abuse pesticide applications weren't part of the permit ordinance;
- that the reporting process would infringe on home owners' privacy rights.

The Town Manager and the Economic Director agreed with Commission members to change the focus of the ordinance from a permit process for applicators to watershed protection.

In addition, COSPC needs to develop a public education plan that will alert Kennebunk citizens to the dangers of pesticides and will offer alternative solutions to pest management.

IV. A WATERSHED ORDINANCE

COSPC needs:

to work with a Watershed map that COSPC can keep;
to review watershed ordinances that already exist;
to include Ordinance criteria in Zoning section of updated Comp. Plan.

V. **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

A. Website could include:

1. Specific information about the use of pesticides
2. Links to other important sites such as Yardscaping
3. Info-mercials in a series of small sets that could also be on town cable channel

****Shack will bring in her Orion web plan to the March 21 COSPC meeting**

****Eddy will contact Video Creations about the info-mercials**

****Commission members will bring in video ideas to next meeting**

B. Letter to homeowners will be written as a separate insert in the next Tax Bill

1. Due in July to Kathy Nolette
2. Part of the letter could be a list of recommended licensed applicators

****Wolf will ask Kennebunkport Conservation Chair about their home owners letter**

****Town Manager will confirm appropriateness of recommending licensed applicators as Kennebunkport Commission has done on its website**

C. Kennebunk has an alert system for the public to find out about special announcements

****Shack will ask K. Nolette about COSPC including information on the alert system. For example, the Commission could submit a message about Earth day.**

D. A brochure will be prepared informing the public about COSPC and its activities

E. Schools (K-12) will be contacted to participate in the Watershed Ordinance

1. Science teachers could explore relevant class projects
2. Projects could be designed for a science fair
3. Writing projects for Earth Day could include the value of eliminating or decreasing the use of pesticides

****Wolf will contact schools about activities on Earth Day**

VI. **REGISTRY OF LICENSED APPLICATORS**

A. COSPC will write a purpose of the Registry
B. COSPC will review the Board of Pesticide brochure of Best Management Practices
C. COSPC will write a registration process for applicators
D. COSPC will figure out how to 'vet' registrants
E. Should we rewrite the reporting system

VII. **ROSS ROAD REVISED DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

COSPC will send memo to Planning Board to request their support for requiring the developers to hook up to the town sewer.

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Ellen Wolf, Chair

Kennebunk Conservation and Open Space Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: Ellen R Wolf Date: 3/22/16