

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 4/4/2016
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

On April 4, 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
Guest: Judy Bernstein, Town Planner

Next meeting: April 18 2016 @ 6:30 pm

May meetings: Monday May 2 2016 @ 6:30 pm
Monday May 16 2016 @ 6:30 pm

II. MINUTES The minutes of March 21 2016 were accepted as read

III. DISCUSSION WITH JUDY BERNSTEIN, TOWN PLANNER

1. Identification of State maps for various roads, bridges and farms was difficult
2. A different map showed semi-public lands which constitute 21.5% of Kennebunk. These lands are mostly owned by KSD, KKWWD & KLT.
3. In response to a question about Arundel's apparent interest in hooking up to Kennebunk's sewer district, the Town Planner said that the State DOT ordinarily calls her prior to fixing a bridge to ask her advice about sidewalks, general usage of the area and other possible town concerns.

****COSPC should review long-range plans of KSD, KKWWD & KLP**

IV. KENNEBUNK RIVER DISCUSSION

The Commission will develop goals and objectives for the purpose of identifying the nature and extent of nonpoint source of pollution and for developing plans to keep the river clean.

The following items represent some concerns and questions:

1. Enlist support from Kennebunkport, Arundel & Lyman
2. Figure out possible sources of pollution
 - a. Farms, septic system,
 - b. Overboard discharge systems from land, overboard discharges from boats
 - c. Stormwater drainage
 - d. Fertilizer/nitrates

3. Does DEP allow any overboard discharge from either land or boats?
4. Decide where and what to test for
5. Tax maps for participating towns (Branchina has Kennebunk side map)
6. List of allies and citizen scientists

**Wolf will contact K'port CC about our plans

V. EDUCATION PROGRAM – WEB SITE REPORT

1. Responses from applicators indicate high interest in participating in this program
2. COSPC will consider additional pages to the current web page and/or links to 'outside' pages that would allow for more freedom of design.
3. Word Press has a template for web site design that would include a link to an outside page.
4. Shack has experience creating architecture for a site but not a design.
5. COSPC supports writing progress reports on our work about pesticides and water quality on our web page as soon as possible.
6. Include important and informative items for the town's 'News Alerts'
7. There may be grants for Environmental Education that would also include videos

**Shack will confer with K. Nolette about working with someone on the design and content of our web page.

**Shack will research grant opportunities that are relevant to our Education Program

VI. PROGRESS OF COSPC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2016

1. A review of the Goals and Objectives written in August showed both changes in some of our objectives and progress in others
2. An updated copy of the Goals and Objectives is attached

**Wolf will write update of COSPC 2016 Goals and Objectives

VII. SUMMER MEETING DATES

1. July 11 2016
2. August 1, 15 & 29
3. September 19

VIII. SMPDC MEETING REVIEW

1. Maps of Kennebunk's water sheds were distributed. According to this map, the 3 watersheds that encompass all of Kennebunk are: Kennebunk River, Mousam River & Branch Brook River.
2. The following concern was posed: Does SMPDC have a regional plan for the area of their responsibility? How does Kennebunk's local Comprehensive Plan fit with SMPDC's regionalization plan?
3. SMPDC distributed an RFP that had an April 26 deadline. COSPC has declined to apply and included a request to apply in the future.

IX. STANTEC REPORT

1. Report is largely about the Rte 1 South natural environment prior to the town sewer extension along that road
2. There will be a new report about this area that will be relevant to new business developments

X. HOW DOES COSPC ENSURE A PERMANENT VOICE IN PROGRESS OF TOWN?

1. A member of COSPC is assigned to represent our goals & objectives at the following town meetings: RSU21 tri-town meetings; Comprehensive Plan Update Committee; Economic Development Committee.
2. COSPC members also represent our goals & objectives at the following meetings: Planning Board; Site Plan Review; River Committee etc.

XI. WARD BROOK FARM SITE PLAN REVIEW

1. COSPC has no comment about this plan as the wetland setbacks are within the law.

**Wolf will ask the Town Planner about the apparent border of this land marked in the middle of Ward Brook.

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Ellen Wolf, Chair

Kennebunk Conservation and Open Space Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: Ellen R Wolf 4/26/2016