TOWN OF KENNEBUNK

CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING 4/18/2016

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

On April 18, 2016 at 6:38 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: May 2 2016 @ 6:30 pm

Next meetings: Monday May 16 2016 @ 6:30 pm
Monday June 6 2016 @ 6:30 pm

II. **MINUTES** The Minutes of April 4 2016 were accepted as amended

III. **REVIEW OF COSPC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

A. Goals and Objectives will be reviewed relative to the Town's Comprehensive Plan
B. COSPC should be able to use or refer to Goals and Objectives during presentations

IV. **KENNEBUNK RIVER WATERSHED PROTECTION DISCUSSION**

A. COSPC will probably apply for SMPCD's April 2017 RFP for money to create a plan to clean up the Kennebunk River
   1. Need to create a working group that at least includes representatives from Arundel, Kennebunkport, Lyman and Kennebunk.
   2. This group will write the RFP and, if successful, will apply for a larger grant from SMPDC that will implement the plan.
B. Need to define the scope of the problems on the Kennebunk River
   1. 1986 Kennebunk River report identifies problems that still persist.
   2. A study of the river's history could reveal other pollutants that could be tested.
   3. Perhaps testing from the Ward Brook bridge at Emmons Road to rear of the Powder Mill condos would yield a mix of possible pollutants: septic systems, one former OBD, merger of Ward Brook into the Mousam, homes and Huntington Commons
C. Some specific current concerns: stormwater runoff; OBD from land; leaking septic systems; heavy metals; fecal matter; excess nitrogen.

** Jen will: speak to the River Comm. on Apr 19 about being part of a working group; get the raw data of the 09-14 River Report; find lab in Chicago that tests for ecoli in 2 hours

** Wolf will: ask Code Officer about OBD systems on the Kennebunk River; try for response again from Todd Shea and the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission; get update from Nelson Labs about additional testing this summer on the Kennebunk River for pollutants such as fertilizer, heavy metals, stormwater runoff; contact Chris Feurt to discuss COSPC plans.

** Branchina will find contact at DEP

V. **DISCUSSION ABOUT FUNDS FOR RIVER TESTING AND DATA COLLECTION FOR THE RFP**

A. Request funding for 2016 tests and data collection from Town Manager
B. Request TIF funds for 2016 test & data collection, tyraining for new testers
   1. TIF funds are already earmarked & thus do not require BOS approval
   2. TIF funding would strengthen relevance of COSPC goals to Comp. Plan revisions

VI. **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

A. Need to involve Applicators asap
   1. Any activities relevant to CMP issue?
   2. Drinking Water?
      a. Aquifer: tests indicate that there is no glyphosate in them
      b. Wells: lab can only test for the glyphosate pesticide
B. COSPC will ask what KKWWD tested for in aquifers & wells

**Shack will look into sensitive aquifer area

C. Shack has a write up for Earth Day for the town News Flash
D. Kathy N. does all updates for web sites
E. Preparation for an article in the Village magazine
F. Videos for presentations and for Town cable TV

** Wolf will ask about mass mailing prices i.e., residents; registered voters.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Comp. Plan Review Comm. will meet 2ce/month all summer thru September Had a' TIF 101' presentation. Branchina suggests that we prepare a 'COSPC 101' presentation for various groups using our Goals & Objectives as a guideline
B. The next tri-town RSU #21 meeting will be this fall. We should prepare a 'COSPC 101' at that meeting

** Each COSPC member should review the G & O for this activity

C. Florence Circle site walk
   1. Applicant wants to replace float, pier and ramp system that were wrecked with another system with the same dimensions
   2. Owner claims not to use synthetic chemicals on grass that grows right to the Mousam River.
   3. Owner was advised by a Planning Board member not to remove any shrubs or trees along the river.

**Shack will write to the Planning Board that COSPC supports prohibiting removal of vegetation near the river and that owner should not use any synthetic chemicals on lawn that slopes into the river

D. Application for a waiver for a pier, ramp and float on the Mousam River that exceeds the current standard of length by 100 feet
   1. COSPC sees no reason to waive a standard that serves the Mousam River well
   2. The wetlands should not be subjected to the construction of an elevated pier

** Wolf will write the Planning Board after consulting the Town Planner about the wetlands' priority.

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Ellen Wolf, Chair

Kennebunk Conservation and Open Space Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: Ellen R Wolf 5/5/16