

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK**  
**CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING 8/1/2016**  
**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

On August 1, 2016 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  
Selectwoman liaison: Debbie Beal

**Next meeting: August 15 2016 @ 6:30pm**

**August meeting: Monday August 29, 2016 @ 6:30 pm**

**II. MINUTES** The minutes of July 11 2016 were accepted as read

**III. SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

- A. Wolf went to 2 site walks on 7/18/16
- B. 3 Bayberry Lane has been demolished and excavator has begun foundation preparations
- C. Erinmore proposes a dock system at the end of a worn path thru wetlands. COSPC will oppose the dock system based on setting precedents for wetland abuse.

\*\*Wolf will write statement to Planning Board opposing the dock system as it sets precedents for wetland abuse

**IV. SIGN FOR SEAGRASS PUBLIC LAUNCH AREA ON KENNEBUNK RIVER**

- A. Sign identifying public launching area w/limited parking has not been posted at entrance
- B. Residents have endured many instances of invasion of privacy both from the road and from the beach despite many signs prohibiting trespassing.

**V. KENNEBUNK RIVER UPDATE**

- A. The Town Manager hopes to meet with Arundel and Kennebunkport Town Managers in a few days. K'port is interested in the proposal and our TM hopes that Arundel will agree, if not Lyman.
- B. If 3 towns are interested, we apply for a Planning Grant, probably in the Spring, 2017.

- C. If the Planning Grant is successful, the towns can apply for a bigger grant to implement the plan.

**VI. REVIEW OF COSPC 101**

- A. Presentation to the Comprehensive Plan Revision Committee is on 8/10/2016.
- B. Kathy Connors from SMPDC will present Natural Resources section first & then Nick Branchina from COSPC will make a presentation accompanied by a handout.

**\*\*Shack will format the 101 packet to be distributed**

- C. The Commission decided that "Wetland Resource Protection" should be one of the titles instead of 'Mitigation' for any reference to wetlands. Branchina will prepare a Wetlands Resource Protection Plan page & read aloud the 5 items from the Planning Board Minutes to be included
- D. Shack made minor changes to SMPC's script, but stated concerns with the "Implications" section. It seems that no changes were made to this section since the first Comprehensive Plan.
  - 1. Change "Mitigation" to "Wetland Resource Protection"
  - 2. Prioritize vernal pools as we do wetlands
- E. There is no great need in Kennebunk to expand the sewer district. Any growth should be limited to east of the Turnpike.
- F. Question for the Commission to consider: "Why not prioritize any town sewer expansion to environmentally sensitive areas?"
- G. COSPC needs to initiate a program to identify uncared for septic systems. Topography of soil in East Kennebunk is not compatible with septic tanks
- H. Water testing results should be coordinated and publicized by town of Kennebunk.

**\*\*Shack will send revised "Implications" section to Branchina who will email them to Connors to update that section.**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. If COSPC members notice Piping Plovers on Parsons Beach, they will notify Debbie Beal, Selectwoman liaison to the Commission

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Ellen Wolf, Chair

Kennebunk Conservation and Open Space Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: Ellen A Wolf Date: 8/16/2016