

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 10/17/2016
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

On October 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 30?? 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
Guest: Gordon Collins, Executive Director, Kennebunk Land Trust

Next meeting: November 7 2016 @ 6:30pm

Upcoming meetings: Monday November 21 2016 @ 6:30 pm
Monday December 5 2016 @ 6:30 pm

II. MINUTES The minutes of October 3 2016 were accepted

III. KENNEBUNK RIVER WATERSHED

- A. Commission members expressed disappointment about the meeting with Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) on October 12.
 - 1. Hoped that grant would be an opportunity to share responsibility among the 4 bordering towns for cleaning up the Kennebunk River and for keeping it clean.
 - 2. Role of SMPDC as facilitator of process was never discussed
 - 3. Instead, discussion wandered around among participants about information all of us knew and have already shared
 - 4. COSPC members agreed that this grant needs hard scientific planning and direction
- B. Summarized watershed issues for our guest: brief history of data collection; recent data trends in both Kennebunk and Mousam rivers
- C. Suggestion for COSPC to concentrate on supporting a town wide, on-going education campaign about updated septic systems, systematic septic maintenance and septic system leaking.

**Wolf will talk with town Economic Director, Mat Eddy, about our disappointment with SMPDC meeting

IV. KENNEBUNK LAND TRUST (KLT) as presented by Gordon Collins, Executive Director

- A. Our guest, Mr. Collins presented some key fact & issues about the KLT
 - 1. Core mission: conservation, Stewardship, community involvement

2. Current service area includes Arundel & Lyman
3. Plans to work with York county Audubon and New England University
4. Considering establishing a community garden at Webber Hill

**Wolf will email Mr. Collins information about the Kennebunk Community Garden Committee

- B. Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) surveyed three Land Trusts in Maine.
 1. KLT interviewed 2 dozen community leaders
 2. Decision to become more involved in their service area's activities
- C. Movement now in land trusts toward consolidation as there are many small land trusts in the state

V. REVIEW SITE PLAN PROPOSALS and/or SITE WALKS

- A. COSPC reviewed the proposal for a ramp and a dock at the Erinmoore subdivision
- B. Currently, Erinmoore has no plan to construct a pier.
- C. Consensus was that we recommend a pier, dock and ramp system such as was constructed at the Tideview land.
- D. Both proposals cross significant marsh wetlands on the Mousam river and both currently have a well-worn footpath across the wetlands.
- E. In order to avoid trampling the wetlands, a pier would have to be constructed that was high enough for grass to be restored and to grow.
- F. Both proposals are working with the same dock company, The Great Northern Dock

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Comp Plan Revision committee will be interviewing community businesses and organizations. COSPC's rep will have his assignments.
- B. Suggests that KLT consider being involved in these interviews

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 Date: 11/15/2016