

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2026**

Call to Order

On January 5, 2026, at 6:35 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

Present

Jennifer Lyons, Jennifer Shack, Lee Sullivan, Sally Tabor

Guests

Janice Vance (Planning Board), Karen Plattes (Select Board), Stephen Houdlette (Economic Vitality Director), Alison Malmqvist (Climate Action Committee).

Approve Minutes

The minutes for the December 15 meeting were approved.

Connecting Kennebunk

- Event
 - We will meet in the third floor rooms and not the auditorium. Shack will contact the Clerk's Office to reserve the rooms.
 - Our end product will be an overall vision for connecting Kennebunk, as well as priorities to start.
 - Shack will see if Kennebunk Savings Bank will donate refreshments for the event as The Blue cannot provide them.
 - We need name tags. Shack has some.
- Mapping
 - We reviewed the maps Houdlette has created. We will have maps that zoom in on the coastal area, downtown, West Kennebunk and the area around the Kennebunk Plains.
 - Lyons and Tabor will meet with Lee Jay Feldman.
- Attendees
 - We reviewed the attendee list and talked about what they should do and know before arriving at the event.
- At the event, the Kennebunk Climate Action Committee will discuss public comments and greenhouse gas emissions as reasons for increasing connectivity in Kennebunk.
- Tabor and Lyons will be working with Lee Jay Feldman on further event planning.

Review site plan proposals and site walks

There were no site plans to review.

Habitat restoration project

- We discussed the benefit of using a forestry mulcher to remove invasive plants. York is using them for their invasive plant removal projects.
- We also discussed hiring a landscape designer who designs with native plants for Rogers Pond.
- For Earth Day, we might have a burning bush swap out: bring your dug-up burning bush and receive a native shrub in return.

Open Space Plan

- This was tabled.

Outreach

- Outreach will resume after the January Event.

Updates from other committees/projects

None.

Other business

None

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.