TOWN OF KENNEBUNK CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING 1/30/23 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

On January 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT: Grace Cain, Mark Gillis, Mark Kerr, Jen Lyons, Jennifer Shack, Sally Tabor

APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for January 9 were approved.

OUTREACH

The Wilding our Places event was a great success. There was a large turnout and a lot of interest.

We discussed our March event, which will focus on working with your pesticide applicator and integrated pest management. We are awaiting approval for the event and the letter requesting Alex Peacock speak at the event. The possible dates are March 16 or March 23. The following tasks were assigned:

- Shack to follow up on getting approval for the event and letter
- Kerr to write the announcement for the town's social media and news alert
- Cain to reach out to Andrea Rothkimmich to see if she knows of a possible IPM speaker
- Shack to reach out to Chris Fuert for the same
- Lyons to ask Alex for the same
- Shack to request Rooms 300-301 for the event once a date is decided

We approved the Salt and Soil message. Shack will obtain approval and ask for it to be distributed.

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

There were no plans to review.

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

Kerr updated us on the CAP Task Force. They have agreed upon a mission statement. The plan for addressing climate change will be put to town vote. The task force is having a public workshop on March 7.

Shack reported that the Kennebunk River Restoration Committee hasn't met yet for Phase 2. Betsy Smith, a member of the committee, will be meeting with DEP about DNA testing in the river. The hope is that DNA testing will help determine if the source of bacteria is human or animal.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tabor asked Bryan Laverriere about whether Public Services could offer residents sand rather than a sand/salt mixture for dealing with icy driveways and walkways. He said that was not possible because the pile is not covered and the sand would freeze. He also said Public Works spreads 250 lbs of the mixture per lane mile rather than the standard 400 lbs.

Next meeting will be February 6, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.