

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 3/13/23
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On March 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for February 27 were approved.

TRANSPORTATION OUTREACH

Shack reported that she had reached out to Shiloh Schulte, the Commission's Select Board liaison, about meeting with members of the Commission about our helping in the town's efforts to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and to expand the town's trail network. He had offered to attend this meeting but could not due to illness. Shack also reported that Karen Winton of the Community Development Department had also expressed an interest in participating in this conversation. She also could not attend the meeting. Shack will reach out about either meeting separately or attending the next Commission meeting. Winton had mentioned that Public Services should also be consulted. The Commission will do so.

OUTREACH

We planned for our "Pesticides in Your Yard" event for March 23.

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

The Commission reviewed an application for a restaurant conversion at 135 Port Road. The lot abuts wetlands. The plan reduces the overall impermeable surface on the lot and calls for the restaurant to link up to sewer rather than the onsite septic. We noted that snow storage abuts the wetlands and that no native plant species are included in the landscaping plan.

We decided to send a memo indicating our appreciation for the plan to reduce the impermeable surface and to hook up to sewer. The memo, however, would also state our concern about the snow storage site and would recommend native plants be included in the landscaping.

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

There were no updates from other committees or projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

We discussed the implications of LD 2003, the legislation that requires towns to provide more multifamily and affordable housing. Our main concern is the increase in the number of septic systems, particularly in West Kennebunk. This points to an even greater need for the Town to monitor septic system maintenance.

Next meetings will be April 3 and April 24.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.