

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 4/3/23
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On April 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

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

GUESTS: Chris Osterrieder, Shiloh Schulte, Karen Winton

APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for March 13 were approved.

TRANSPORTATION OUTREACH

Conservation Commission members and guests discussed the need for a “master plan” for a cycling, pedestrian and trails network throughout Kennebunk. There was general agreement that a new task force or working group should take on this effort, with representation from the relevant town committees and other organizations. The first step will be to develop a map with overlays of open space, trails, cycle lanes and sidewalks. Osterrieder and Winton took on responsibility for having the map be made. Conservation Commission members agreed to reach out informally to the other committees and organizations to see if they would be interested in taking part in this effort.

OUTREACH

The “Pesticides in Your Yard” event was lightly attended, but the presentations were well-received by those in attendance. The Commission will be collaborating with the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission on future events.

This month’s message will alert residents of the migration of frogs and salamanders, which cross roads on their way to vernal pools, and to the presence of people who are helping them to cross safely. Shack volunteered to write the message

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

The Commission reviewed an application for a driveway on Jeffreys Way. The driveway would cross wetlands and fill approximately 650 square feet of them. We note that if the lot shared the driveway with the neighboring lot, no wetlands would be crossed. We also would like to know if a vernal pool survey has been conducted. We decided to send a memo requesting the applicant consider a shared driveway and that any vernal pools on the property be mapped.

We also reviewed a request for a change in shoreland zone status at 262 Emmons Road. We have no comment.

BIG NIGHT

Big Night refers to the spring nights when frogs and salamanders migrate to vernal pools. They often cross roads during their migration. People can adopt vernal pools and help get the amphibians safely across the road. Cain has adopted the Route 1 vernal pools and invited the other members to join her on appropriate nights.

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

Kerr reported there would be a CAP Task Force meeting on 4/4. He also mentioned that he and Mark Gillis would be attending the Volunteer River Monitoring Program training on May 2. Tabor said she had been in touch with Betsy Smith about doing water sampling at Gooch's Beach.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The next meeting will be on April 24.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.