

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 7/17/23
DRAFT MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On July 17, 2023 at 6:35 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT: Mark Kerr, Sally Tabor, Mark Gillis, Jennifer Lyons, Jennifer Shack

GUESTS: Shiloh Schulte(Select Board liaison), Grace Cain, Lena Perron

APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for June 5, 2023 were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jennifer Shack was elected chair of the Commission. Jennifer Lyons was elected vice-chair.

GIS MAPPING INITIATIVE

There are no updates on the status of the map. Lyons reported that the Kennebunk Land Trust is excited about the project and will have volunteers available when the time comes.

PESTICIDE OUTREACH

Kennebunk resident Lena Perron attended the meeting to urge the Commission to work on passing an ordinance banning synthetic pesticides. She stated that Bifenthrin, which is used as a pesticide under a number of names, contains forever chemicals. The Commission decided to include education on Bifenthrin in our continuing outreach activities. Gillis will also review pesticide ordinances that other towns in Maine have passed.

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

The Commission reviewed five plans:

- Contract zone for the Wedding Cake House: We are concerned that over time foot traffic from hotel guests who are drawn to the river will cause erosion along its banks. We recommend foot traffic near the river be regulated.
- Boardwalk at Alewife Pond: We support the project and have no further comments.
- Oliver Lane Subdivision: We would like to know if a wetland survey was done for the second lot. Further, we recommend that the two houses be hooked up to sewer.
- Kennebunk Savings Bank contract zone: As the project has been improved and wetlands will not be implicated in the development, we have no comment.
- Kennebunk Kennebunkport & Wells Water District: As no wetlands are affected and the storm water runoff will be filtered before release into Branch Brook we have no comment.

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

Climate Action Plan Task Force: Approximately 470 surveys were completed. Pesticides were not part of the survey; nevertheless, a number of residents indicated that they were concerned about the use of pesticides in the town.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kerr mentioned that if the lid of a recycling bin is cracked and water gets in, everything in the bin is put in trash rather than recycling. Public Services will replace cracked recycling bins for free.

Next meetings will be July 31 and August 21, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.