

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK  
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING 7/31/23  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

On July 31, 2023 at 6:35 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

**PRESENT:** Mark Kerr, Mark Gillis, Jennifer Lyons, Jennifer Shack

**APPROVE MINUTES**

The minutes for July 17, 2023 were approved.

**GIS MAPPING INITIATIVE**

There are no updates on the status of the map.

**PESTICIDE OUTREACH**

We discussed what our next activities would be and decided on the following:

- Our next outreach messages will be:
  - September: Identifying invasives in your yard – maybe work with Tom Walls
  - October : “Leave the Leaves”.
  - November: The benefits of waiting to clean up your garden until the spring
  - December: Alternatives to road salt
- Attempt to get a demonstration project for a native garden, possibly through the Seacoast Garden Club. Gillis will talk with the Chamber of Commerce about identifying a business that would be willing to do this.
- See if the town will include natives in their plantings downtown and/or elsewhere
- Have a winter event – “Beyond Birdseed” – that will inform residents about what they can do to ensure that birds can thrive in their yards, such as planting natives for the entire life cycle of butterflies and moths, reduce their lawn coverage, not use pesticides, etc. Shack will contact the York County Audubon to see if they would be interested in partnering with us.

Following up on our last meeting, Gillis provided us with a number of pesticide ordinances to review. We will review them before our next meeting to decide which ones we would like to recommend to the Select Board.

**SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS**

There were no plans to review

**OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS**

The Climate Action Plan Task Force will hold four sounding board meetings with the public.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

Next meetings will be and August 21 and September 11, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.