

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 8/15/22
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On August 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT: Mark Kerr, Jen Lyons, Jennifer Shack

APPROVE MINUTES

Approval of minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

There were no applications to review.

Shack attended the site walk for 30-40 Cat Mousam Rd. The application for these lots includes demolition of the current mobile homes and construction of new single-family homes. The lots are in the Shoreland Zone and are non-conforming. New construction will bring the lots into greater conformity. Shack requested the applicant not use pesticides to remove invasives along Day Brook.

PESTICIDE OUTREACH

We discussed next steps and possible partners in our effort. We decided upon a dual approach: conduct outreach and education and start the process of developing a pesticide ordinance as called for in the Comprehensive Plan and the Kennebunk River Restoration Plan. Cain has begun the process of finding other ordinance models in Maine.

Possible partners for outreach: Kennebunk Land Trust, Energy Efficiency Committee, environmental group at the high school, Kennebunk River Restoration Working Group, SoMe Planetees, Kennebunkport Conservation Commission.

Other ideas: webinars on topics specific to pesticides and yard care, including working with an applicator, organic lawn and garden care, rewilding. Maybe have a tour of rewilded yards with a vote for the best one.

Next steps: Lyons to research alternatives to pesticides for taking care of ticks. Shack to contact Betsy Smith about Kennebunk River outreach that is specific to pesticides. Shack to re-contact chair of Kennebunkport Conservation Commission

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

Kerr reported on the initial workshop for the Climate Action Plan Task Force. Kerr has also agreed to represent the Commission on the Branch Brook Consortium.

OTHER BUSINESS

Branchina is stepping down from doing water sampling on the Mousam River. Kerr has agreed to take over.

Next meeting will be September 12.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.