

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK  
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING 8/21/23  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

On August 21, 2023 at 6:35 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

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

**GUEST:** Andrea Rothkimmich, Southern Maine Planeteers

**APPROVE MINUTES**

The minutes for July 31, 2023 were approved.

**GIS MAPPING INITIATIVE**

Both the Kennebunk Land Trust and the Eastern Trail Alliance have contacted the Community Development Department to provide their trail information for the GIS map.

The Federal Land Access Program gives funds for trails that provide access to federal land.

**PESTICIDE OUTREACH**

Demonstration Native Gardens

Andrea Rothkimmich of Southern Maine Planeteers attended the meeting to provide an update about the work the Planeteers are doing to promote pollinator and native plant gardens in town. She has been talking with the town about creating a demonstration garden at the skate park. Shack will contact town staff about the skate park. Tabor will contact library staff about creating a native plant garden there.

Pollinator Pathway

The Planeteers have also been contacting homes and businesses along High Street and York Street to see if they would like to become part of the pollinator pathway that has begun at the intersection of Cat Mousam Road and High Street.

Rachel Carson will have a pollinator trailer that staff will bring to schools to get students involved in creating pollinator gardens.

Beyond Birdseed Event

The president of York County Audubon said they would participate. They may be able to get a speaker from Maine Audubon. Shack will contact the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission to see if they would want to be involved.

New Maine Law

We briefly discussed the passage of LD 649, "An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping." The new law prohibits HOAs from restricting landscaping techniques "that conserve water, lower maintenance costs, provide pollution prevention and create habitat for wildlife." At our next meeting, we will discuss what outreach we may want to do regarding this.

### September Outreach Message

We briefly discussed the September message. We will have a long one that can go on our webpage and a short one to be sent via town social media.

### **SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS**

We reviewed the revised plan for Oliver Lane. We appreciate the addition of the wetland buffer boundary and have no comments.

### **OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS**

The Climate Action Plan Task Force will be developing potential strategies at their next meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

We sketched out the blurb that will be read at the Volunteer Appreciation Night.

Next meeting will be September 11, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.