

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 9/11/23
DRAFT MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On September 11, 2023 at 6:35 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for August 21, 2023 were approved.

GIS MAPPING INITIATIVE

We discussed our next steps for the project. Shack will contact Karen Winton about getting access to the map so we can better provide feedback on items that are missing.

PESTICIDE OUTREACH

September Outreach Message

We jointly approved both the short and long message regarding invasives for September.

Beyond Birdseed Event

We decided to have two speakers who would each speak 20 minutes, with a Q&A afterward. We also decided to have an activity for children. Tabor will check with the New School about the students there creating the activity. The event will be held January 27 from 2 pm to 4 pm.

New Maine Law

We decided to write a message for February regarding LD 649, "An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping." Lyons will write the message, which will say that the state has protected low impact landscaping.

Shack will email the Planning Board to make sure they know about the law.

PESTICIDE ORDINANCES

We reviewed other towns' ordinances regarding pesticide use. We decided that the best feature of these ordinances is the blanket prohibition of pesticides – synthetic or organic – within a particular distance from waterways and wetlands. Shack will email Shiloh Schulte our recommendation that the town limit any prohibition of pesticide use to areas close to waterways and wetlands.

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

There were no plans to review

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

The Climate Action Plan Task Force will be prioritizing strategies for addressing climate change. It will be taking a two-pronged approach: mitigation and adaptation.

Kerr will be attending a meeting of the Branch Brook Consortium at the end of September. Shack will be attending the final meeting of the Coastal Resilience Steering Committee in October.

OTHER BUSINESS

We discussed the possibility of posting the results of water sampling on the Mousam and Kennebunk Rivers on our section of the town's website. Shack will seek permission to do so.

Next meeting will be October 2, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.