

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 9/19/22
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On September 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT: Todd Bridgeo, Grace Cain, Mark Kerr, Jen Lyons, Jennifer Shack

APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for the August 15 meeting were approved.

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

There were no applications to review.

PESTICIDE OUTREACH

Shack reported that she spoke with Bryan Laverriere, Public Services Director, about pesticide applications on town property. He confirmed that the town is only using organic pesticides and provided the MSDS's for the pesticides being applied.

Shack also reported that she met with the chair of Kennebunkport's Conservation Commission about the two commissions collaborating on pesticide outreach. The K'port Conservation Commission is interested in doing so. They discussed a speaker series in the winter and other possible projects. They also discussed purchasing a watershed model for outreach activities. They proposed a joint meeting of the two commissions in November to plan.

Members discussed topics for the speaker series and who to contact, messages to send via the town's news blasts and social media, and yard signs. Kerr also mentioned he might be able to borrow a watershed model. We also agreed to a joint meeting with the K'port Conservation Commission.

Tasks:

- Kerr will write the October message
- Kerr will find out if we can borrow a watershed model
- Cain will contact the owner of Blackrock Farm in Kennebunkport about possibly speaking about rewilding
- Lyons will ask the Board of Pesticides inspector for this area if he would like to speak about selecting a licensed applicator and what questions to ask
- Shack will ask the K'port Conservation Commission chair if she knows of someone who can speak about common sense things to do to keep ticks to the edge of one's yard
- Shack to reach out to the chair of the Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Committee to see if they might want to collaborate on some messaging.

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

Shack reported that she attended the Climate Ready Coast workshop, in which identified hotspots for coastal flooding in Kennebunk were discussed. There will be a day-long workshop in October to select the top 12-15 hotspots from Scarborough to Kittery, and to start to outline a plan to make them more resilient.

Kerr reported that the next Climate Action Plan Task Force meeting will be October 28, to which he will be inviting the Kennebunk Land Trust and Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

Next meeting will be October 3.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.