

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 10/2/23
DRAFT MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On October 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes for September 11, 2023 were approved.

GIS MAPPING INITIATIVE

The map is not yet completed. It should be completed by our next meeting. Karen Winton will share it with us then.

PESTICIDE OUTREACH

Outreach Messages

- September: The message was posted on the town's social media. In the comments section, a resident asked whether the town had a policy for invasives on public property. Kerr will follow up with Bryan Laverriere.
- October: The message will be the same as last year. Shack will ask Tina Radel to post it on the town's social media, along with the video the New School students created.
- November: Shack will write about end of season yard cleanup to help winter wildlife.
- December: The message will be the one about alternatives to salt that we sent out last year.
- January: We will publicize the Beyond Birdseed event.
- February: Lyons will write about LD 649.

BEYOND BIRDSEED EVENT

Bill Grabin from York County Audubon said he should be able to find two speakers from Maine Audubon. Shack has submitted paperwork to Parks and Recreation to use the town auditorium.

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

There were no plans to review

BUDGET

We discussed asking for \$400 for event costs: thank you gifts for speakers, refreshments, etc.

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

The Climate Action Plan Task Force continues to prioritize strategies for addressing climate change. It will also be getting feedback from businesses.

The Branch Brook Consortium meeting was postponed until early October. Shack is unable to attend the final meeting of the Coastal Resilience Steering Committee in October. She has asked Kerr to attend in her place.

Members of the Kennebunk River Watershed Management Project Steering Committee have started writing a grant proposal to obtain funds for DNA testing in the Kennebunk River watershed.

OTHER BUSINESS

SMCC campus has areas where they are not mowing, with signs explaining why. Maybe there is an area in Kennebunk where the town can do the same. Kerr is going to ask Bryan Laverriere

Next meeting will be October 16, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.