

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 10/17/22
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT: Mark Kerr, Jen Lyons, Jennifer Shack

GUESTS: Sally Tabor, Paul Tamul

APPROVE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for October 3 was tabled.

SITE PLANS/ DEVELOPMENTS

No applications were available to review.

PESTICIDE OUTREACH

The Kennebunkport Conservation Commission will be joining the Commission for its meeting on November 7.

The Planeteers of Southern Maine asked if the Conservation Commission would sponsor their event in January on the importance of native plants to our environment. By consensus, the Commission members agreed. They also discussed ways to bring in a wider audience and inviting native landscapers to have a table at the event.

Ideas discussed for native garden examples:

- See if the Seacoast Garden Club would create a native garden in town
- Demonstration garden at the Brickstore Museum
- KLT property entrances
- In front of the high school

Schedule of outreach messaging/events:

- November: marsh migration
- December: effects of salt on soil and possible alternatives
- January: Event announcement + tips for native gardens
- February: TBD
- March: Working with applicator event; message about finding the right landscaper/applicator
- April: Resources for native gardens, including where to buy natives, Facebook pages, websites
- May: Healthy soil message

Members discussed talking with Bryan Laverriere about signage surrounding town spraying of organics on town property. This would include adding what was sprayed to the back of the signs placed around

properties when they are sprayed, or possibly a permanent sign about the use of organics. Shack will contact Laverriere after he ends his term as acting town manager

Update on tasks:

- Cain and Shack spoke with Will Gowen of the School Around Us about students creating informational videos
- Cain contacted the New School for the same purpose

New tasks:

- Shack will find out who to contact at the Seacoast Garden Club
- Shack will write the November message about marsh migration

OTHER COMMITTEES/PROJECTS

There were no reports on other committees or projects

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Next meeting will be November 7.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.