

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 04/01/19
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On April 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 306 of the Town Hall, the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT: Grace Cain, Jennifer Shack, Nick Branchina, Todd Bridgeo

GUESTS: Ann Thompson, Miriam Whitehouse

MINUTES

The minutes for the March 18 meeting were read and accepted.

WETLANDS MITIGATION ORDINANCE

Update on action steps:

- Cain contacted Lee Jay Feldman at Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission for information about which other towns have wetland mitigation ordinances. He said he would look into it and get back to her.
- Shack will research how other states are approaching mitigation.
- Shack and Cain will contact town planners in towns with wetlands mitigation ordinances.

REVIEW SITE PLAN PROPOSALS AND SITE WALKS

Bridgeo reported on the Maine Turnpike Authority plan for the two rest stops. There appears to be about one acre of wetlands impact, but the plans are too preliminary to know exactly how the wetlands will be impacted and what possible alternatives exist. Therefore, the Commission has no comment at this time.

Shack will request the surveyor's report on the wetlands from John Stoll.

VERNAL POOLS AT REST AREA

Shack and Cain walked the rest area site. There are three vernal pools on the site, two of which are registered with the state. The third may be man-made, as was reported by the surveyor. It is clear that the Porches development on the abutting lot was built within the 250' setback of the second vernal pool. Shack and Cain will discuss this with John Stoll.

The Commission discussed a letter to the editor that was written by a guest to the previous meeting. Shack agreed to send an email to our staff and selectman liaisons to note that the letter misrepresented what was said at the meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Conservation Commission received an email from Betsy Stevens, president of Hope Cemetery Corp and vice president of Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods. She indicated that she would like the Conservation Commission to support changes to the Comprehensive Plan to include mention of Hope

Woods in several sections of the Plan. As the Commission's representative on the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC), Branchina offered to talk to the CPC chair about the request.

POSSIBLE FUTURE GUESTS

Cain reported that Katrina Amaral of Friends of Rachel Carson would like to be a guest at a future meeting. She was authorized to extend the invitation to Ms. Amaral.

Shack said she would invite Sarah Stanley, executive director of Kennebunk Land Trust.

OTHER BUSINESS

Branchina reported that he would be attending the meeting at KKW regarding the Branch Brook corridor collaboration.

Next meetings will be:

- April 16
- May 6
- May 20

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.