

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK  
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING 5/6/19  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

On May 6, 2019 at 6:35 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:** Miriam Whitehouse, Alex Mendelsohn, Jolene Lemelin

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the April 16 meeting were read and accepted.

**WETLANDS MITIGATION ORDINANCE**

The latest version of the ordinance was reviewed. The in-lieu fee was discussed. The calculation was taken from Maine's statewide program, while the ratio for restoration, preservation, etc., was taken from New Hampshire and New Jersey. The Commission discussed how to ensure that restoration projects are fully undertaken. A performance bond was proposed.

Shack and Cain will meet with John Stoll, Town Planner next Monday to discuss the ordinance.

**REST AREA VERNAL POOL**

Guests Mendelsohn and Lemelin attended in order to provide an update regarding the vernal pools at the town's rest area. Mendelsohn said that he and others had talked with John Stoll, ACE and DEP. DEP sent a letter dated March 11 stating that the second vernal pool is significant.

Mendelsohn is promoting the conversion of the rest area into an educational preserve to be dedicated to John White, a Kennebunk resident who identified one of the pools at the rest area. He also served on the Conservation Commission for many years and volunteered countless hours to the conserving the natural resources of Kennebunk. Shack noted that this would be a fitting dedication.

**REVIEW SITE PLAN PROPOSALS AND SITE WALKS**

Four developments were up for review.

- The developer of "The Porches" on Route 1 South have asked to amend their plan to change two one-car garages into two-car garages. The Commission noted that these would increase the impermeable surface inside the 250' setback of one of the rest area vernal pools. Cain will present our concern to the Planning Board.
- There is a request to place a driveway over a drainage easement on Rosewood Ln. The Commission has no comment on this as there are no environmental impacts
- Port Road request for reconfiguration of parking lot and exit-entrance. No comment.
- Oakwood Lane: request to move a lot line on a property on Rosewood Ln. The Commission has no comment on this as there are no environmental impacts.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Branchina reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has met with the Board of Selectmen four times.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Branchina is a member of the committee created by the KKW Water District to protect the Branch Brook watershed. The committee has met twice, and will finalize the project's purpose at the next meeting.

The Southern Maine Planeteers are planning a beach cleanup and Hands Across the Sands event on May 18. They asked that the Conservation Commission co-sponsor the event. The purpose of Hands Across the Sands is to state opposition to offshore drilling for oil. The Commission decided to be a named co-sponsor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.