

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 8/19/19
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On August 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Town Hall, the meeting was called to order.

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

MINUTES

The minutes for the July 15 meeting were read and accepted.

SITE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS

The Commission will send comments on the Orrin's Way access road. There is a question of whether there is a vernal pool within the development area. We also want to be sure that the two planned culverts, which are currently set to be 12" in diameter are changed to fit the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) minimum of 3'.

Cain mentioned that ACE is willing to do a standards training for us. We will ask John Stoll to set this up.

There was a site walk for a development of 3-4 lots on Brown Street that has wetland impacts. No Commission member was able to attend. At the previous Planning Board meeting, a sketch plan was presented for 40 homes off Thompson Rd. Beginning with Habitat maps show wading bird habitat nearby. Cain will ask John Stoll for the plans for both these developments.

WETLANDS MITIGATION ORDINANCE

One of the questions regarding the ordinance is whether there should be an exemption for access roads to single lots of record. To assess the effect of this exemption, the Planning Board had asked John Stoll to look at wetland fills due to access roads. With Cain's help, he developed a table of access road projects since the beginning of 2018 that included the amount of wetlands impacted. The total impact over that time was almost 23,000 square feet, with an average impact of about 2500 square feet. Because of the large impact, the Conservation Commission is against a blanket exemption for access roads.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OTHER MEETINGS

- Branchina met with the interim economic development director to explain what the Conservation Commission is doing and to explain the role of natural resources in the draft Comprehensive Plan.
- Branchina attended the Economic Development Committee meeting. There is nothing to report.
- The Board of Selectmen is going to have a workshop with the Kennebunk Sewer District.
- The Comprehensive Plan is set to be on the ballot on June 9.

OTHER BUSINESS

Shack will set up a meeting with Chris Osterreider to ask about the steps the town is undertaking regarding sea level rise.

The next meetings will be:

September 3

September 16

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.