

**TOWN OF KENNEBUNK
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 11/04/19
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

On November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

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

Guest: Linda Miller-Cleary

MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting on October 21 were read and accepted.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

Linda Miller-Cleary presented on a subcommittee that is being formed to examine and address issues surrounding dog, marine and food waste in Kennebunk. It is being formed due to the high cost to the town of the disposal of these types of waste and the belief that there are better methods for dealing with them. It is hoped that the subcommittee will identify solutions and be able to calculate the savings of those solutions to the town.

The subcommittee would be made up of members of the Conservation Commission, the Energy Efficiency Committee and the Dog Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE HANDBOOK

Shack and Cain met with Chris Osterreider and Karen Winton about the new committee handbook. The two underscored some items from the handbook for Branchina and Bridgeo.

ELECTIONS

By consensus, Shack was elected chair and Cain will now be vice-chair.

WETLANDS MITIGATION ORDINANCE

Shack noted that NRPA regulates wetland fills of 500 square feet or greater for Wetlands of Special Significance, so the proposed wetlands mitigation ordinance should change to reflect that. The members elected to change the proposed wetlands to prohibit any fill or disturbance of a Wetland of Special Significance or its setback, and to extend the prohibition of coastal wetland fills to all of the Coastal Residential District. Shack will make the appropriate changes to the proposed ordinance and send it to John Stoll.

The Wetlands Mitigation Ordinance will be on the agenda for the Planning Board's December 9 workshop meeting.

SITE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS

At the last Planning Board meeting, a sketch plan was presented for a memory care center to be built on the Rest Area property. The plans call for a parking lot and road to be built well within the 100-foot buffer for the two significant vernal pools on the site, on the footprint for the Rest Area parking lot and snow dump. The apparent rationale is that the site already is degraded. The Commission voted to send a letter to the Planning Board objecting to the project as currently designed. There is a site walk on 11/9, which Cain and Shack will attend.

The public hearing on the Brown Street development was held. The project was approved, with an addendum that the plans state that a wetlands upland finger cannot be disturbed.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OTHER MEETINGS

The Commission discussed the proposed 2020 action plan to address the recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan. Branchina will send the Commission's proposed changes regarding what the Commission is tasked with to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Branchina will attend the next Economic Development Committee meeting.

Shack reported that the testing for the Kennebunk River Grant has been completed and the Steering Committee is meeting in December.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.