

**Kennebunkport Conservation Commission Meeting**  
**March 14, 2022**  
**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

**VIA ZOOM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Attending: Carol Morris, Robin Phillips, Steve Hanna, Jen Comeau*

*Absent: Karen Hall*

*Meeting began 6:03 pm*

1. Vote to accept minutes from January 20 and February 14 Meetings
  - a. Minutes from these meetings were accepted unanimously by the commission.
2. Updates from past month other than Major Initiatives
  - a. Carol noted the need to present a budget report to the BOS on Thursday; Jen volunteered to provide printing quotes. Several commission members indicated that more funding would be needed for pesticide educational materials
3. Commission Communications/Outreach: Process/Support
  - a. No updates.
4. Reports/Planning for Major Initiatives
  - a. Pesticide/Healthy Ecosystem Ordinance
    - i. Research Subcommittee Report: Steve and Robin
      1. Steve reported that he and Robin have completed an introduction/explanation section for the ordinance, as well as an updated definitions section. Both have been circulated among committee members. More specific discussion of ordinance details will take place at a committee level once the survey results are available after April 8.
    - ii. Communications Subcommittee Report – Carol and Jen
      1. Carol reported that the survey is live, the paper version is going out in town mailing this week, along with a Town Alert, email to the KCC mailing list went out today, a blurb has been sent to KCT for their newsletter, and a press release has been sent to the Post and the Your County Coast Star (seacoast.online). The survey closes April 8. Jen noted how important it is to continue to remind people to complete the survey via Facebook etc. **Jen agreed to make time to do postings to this effect.**
    - iii. Forums – Confirmed that the Maine Board of Pesticides would be asked to present a 20-minute general talk – subject matter up to them – on a Monday in April, with at least 20 minutes available after the forum for commission and public Q&A. **Steve to follow up to secure date. Carol to**

**follow up to secure town zoom availability.** Discussion on additional forums ensued; **Robin to follow up with MOFGA to try to schedule a May forum on organic lawn care.**

- b. Demonstration Project: Invasives – Carol noted that she had hoped to do a site walk at the last weekend, but weather has not cooperated. However, this week looks warmer and commission members are interested in checking out both sites – at Goose Rocks Beach and North Street. **Carol will send an email with possible dates/times this week.** It was also noted that KCC needs to reach out to abutters sooner rather than later.
  - c. Kennebunk River Restoration Committee – There was discussion as to the scope of this work and the positive press it received this week both in the Post and YCCS. Carol (on KRRC communications committee) had met with Mindee Goodrum (York County Soil and Water Conservation/grant manager), and Juliet Altham (KCT Board) to discuss ways to work together in terms of volunteers and communications.
  - d. Climate Change – No update
5. Public Comments:
- a. Members of the public asked if the forum would allow public questions (yes)
  - b. Suggested Dr. Ben McGraw as a forum speaker
  - c. Commented that the survey seemed too focused on lawns
  - d. Stated that the central question on pesticide use is “how much is safe” and that cause and effect is missing from many assessments
6. Other Business
- a. Comp Plan strategies – Commission has received the conservation-related strategies from the Comprehensive Plan to comment on. Carol introduced Eli Rubin, Kport Community Planner, to answer commission questions. Discussion was around what was needed/expected from the commission,” which includes prioritization and potential endorsement of each. Steve noted that the strategies tended to be very general; Eli explained there is a format common to Comprehensive Plans that makes that so. Carol talked about the process to have this discussion. **Commission members agreed to tentatively attend a special meeting in two weeks to discuss; in the interim commission members will send her any comments on the form Eli has prepared and she will consolidate.**  
**NOTE: Please try to send by MARCH 21.** If there seems to be consensus in general, it is possible that the extra meeting will not be needed. **Carol will check with town on meeting availability.**
7. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.