

**YCC members in Attendance:**

Jeff Normandin  
Luke Conte  
Mike Schambach  
Mike Morgillo  
Priscilla Cookson

**Other Attendees:**

York High School Seniors from Mr. Barry's political science class

**Meeting Notes**

**Intro / New Business**

- Meeting minutes from last meeting – still need to vote in once all have viewed
- Budget Discussion
  - Agreed to keep budget as is for 2018 - \$2,830
  - S. Burns had mentioned that we could potentially be in charge of conducting a natural resource inventory for the town.
    - We don't have the capacity to conduct ourselves
    - Could hire / oversee a consultant to work on in the future
  - Budget may be spent on lawn ordinance
    - At this point, we don't know exactly how much that will entail
  - Can spend the allotted much as we see fit and it's justified / makes sense. Just need to submit form to town to get the money.
  - Priscilla brought up point that it may be good to eventually get an estimate on phragmite control in areas near water.
    - Land Trust approached the Town at some point but was denied / not approved.
    - Would need experienced company to combat

**Discussion on Lawn Chemical Ordinance**

- Discussed an overview of the project with the students in attendance and history of what has happened to date and our previous meeting
- Follow ups from previous meetings in regards to reaching out to outside groups for more information / advice / experiences
  - Jeff
    - Ogunquit Con. Com. – Website was down and could not contact but will over the next month
    - Lawns to Lobsters – Still to be contacted. Linda Scotland is a contact for this group and could provide valuable insight
    - Mike Modern (who worked on the York Bag Ordinance) – was contacted but Jeff did not hear back from him. Will be contacted over the next month.

- Luke
  - Eldredge Lumber – John Bochert (Organic Lawn Specialist)
    - John helped to set up trainings with Ogunquit
    - Willing and offered to help
    - Scott Eldredge also wants to help
  - Beyond Pesticides – Still needs to be contacted
- Mike S.
  - South Portland Con. Com.
    - Still need to reach out to
    - One major difference right now between our plan and theirs is that they allow golf courses to be exempt if they are Audubon Certified.
      - Need to determine what this entails
    - Their report has a lot of scientific backed data to support their argument. Is their similar data for our area?
      - York River Study?
      - Swamp / Marsh Impact?
  - Facebook page for “Pesticide Free York”
    - Very easy to make one
    - Will set one up so that we can post and distribute information with it looking like it is coming from the group, not Facebook individuals.
- Mike M
  - Energy Steering Committee –
    - Victoria Simon is head of this committee, who was also involved in Bag Ordinance.
    - Jeff or Mike were going to reach out as Jeff was already getting in contact with Bag Ordinance group.
- Once Facebook Page is made, Jeff to post on York Community Dialogue page
- Quick Discussion on Vernal Pools.
  - Frank Dehler had approached Priscilla to see if we were interested or had looked into delineating vernal pools. Could be a future Project
- Discussion on Audubon Certification
  - Priscilla discussed bad experiences in Florida with a contractor who had been “certified” buy the Audubon Society
  - Large Estates and Golf Courses along Rivers and the Cliff House –
    - No buffer zones in-between lawns and water.
    - Most likely Grandfathered in?
- Discussion on Overall Project
  - We are not experts; Homeowners are not experts; and differences in Organic vs Non-organic – Complications of raising these issues
  - Guests Last Week – Seemed to Support
  - Goals for Ordinance
    - Need a Plan
    - We know our end goal – Get on Ballot for May 2017
    - 1<sup>st</sup> step – Get in Public eye – This has started
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> step – Reach out / Gather more information – In progress

**Meeting Adjourned**

### **Actions needed prior to or for next Meeting**

- Vote to approve Notes from Previous Meeting - All
- Type up notes from this meeting and give back to group – Mike S.
- Reach out to assigned groups as assigned
  - Jeff
    - Ogunquit CC
    - Lawns to Lobsters
    - Mike Modern
  - Luke
    - Eldredge Lumber
    - Beyond Pesticides
  - Mike S
    - South Portland CC
  - Mike M
    - Energy Steering Committee
- Create Facebook Page for Pesticide Free York – Mike S
- Set up Page and Begin posting once Created – Luke
- Post Page on York Community Dialogue Page once set up - Jeff
- Next Scheduled Meeting – 08Nov16