

York Conservation Commission – February 2023 Meeting 2/9/2023

Members in Attendance – Stephanie Byrne, Mary Dopart, Alan McDonald, Gerry Beekman, Andrew King

Select Board meeting (2/13)

The CC will address the SB, requesting approval of:

1. Designation of Lake Carolyn and Phillips Pond as conservation lands, registering them on the Maine Conservation Lands Registry;
2. Implementation of a plan for parking barriers and signage for Lake Carolyn, as developed by the CC;
3. Implementation of an invasives control project for the two properties, developed by Southern Maine Forestry, under joint direction by SMF and Parks and Rec.

Edison Drive conservation easement

The easement area is covered with invasives. The CC will suggest this as a needed invasives control project for the town.

Central storage for CC documents

The town library has agreed to provide public-accessible storage for CC documents. Members will work to assemble an initial set.

York Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Board will direct the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The CC will work with the implementation team to identify those priorities relevant to its mission and discuss plans for implementation at future meetings. Necessary changes to town ordinances must be developed; Dylan Smith is working to get the Zoning ordinance updated.

Engagement with other conservation-oriented organizations

Mary will distribute a list of relevant organizations.

Health and Safety Pesticide Ordinance

The Parks and Recreation Dept. is in favor of development of an ordinance as well as educational programs .