

York Conservation Commission – April 2023 Meeting 4/12/2023

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

Select Board meeting (3/13)

The CC addressed the SB, receiving approval of:

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

Lake Carolyn and Phillips Pond

Signage in place; parking barriers to be boulders; letter to area abutters to go out (checking with Decarlo)

Work on invasives to begin soon. Letter to immediate abutters to go out with assistance from Parks and Rec. Permission from York Land Trust must be obtained

Monitoring of town conservation easements

Gerry submitted monitoring reports for Bayberry Woods (with Andrew and Mary Lou), Highland Farm (YLT), White Pine Ridge (with Andrew). A report for Highland Farm (Kittery Water District) is pending. The need for enforcement action was discussed.

Engagement with other conservation-oriented organizations

Mary Lou will distribute a list of agencies and organizations for review by all. The YCC agreed to participate in EcoFest, Ogunquit, May 20.

Eldredge UnLawn project

Gerry reported that some alternatives are inappropriate for Maine. We should find native plants/seeds that could be used.

Election of officers

Chair: Mary Lou Dopart

Vice-Chair: Andrew King

Secretary: Alan McDonald

Next meeting

Wednesday, May 10, York Public Library, 5:30 pm