

York Conservation Commission – May 2023 Meeting 5/10/2023

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

Visitors – Peter Joseph (Town Manager), Peter Murray (Director, Parks and Recreation)

Lake Carolyn and Phillips Pond

Suggested signage is in place; boulders as parking barriers are in the works. Work on invasives control will begin soon, likely in two weeks. Agreement from York Land Trust must be obtained. Peter Murray will check on status.

Concerns were expressed for dam leakage. Gerry will meet with town representatives at dam on 5/11 to discuss.

The possibility of the town taking over the YLT conservation land near LC was discussed with the town manager. Further discussion was deferred until after completion of invasives project.

EcoFest

The CC will have a table, featuring eco-friendly sprays and mosquito traps

Annual town report

The notice requesting input will come soon. Alan will compile the report from member input.

Town conservation easements/lands

Gerry completed the monitoring reports for the five town easements, which have been registered with the state registry. The home owner associations have been notified of needed actions. Lake Carolyn and Phillips Pond have been registered as conservation lands.

Invasives

Future work was discussed: using LC/PP work as demo project; educating residents on invasives recognition and control

Open Space Conservation Subdivisions

Amendments to the OSCS section of the zoning ordinance, clarifying the process, will be considered at the next meeting of the Planning Board,.

Engagement with other conservation-oriented organizations

Mary Lou has distributed a list of agencies and organizations for review by all.

Next meeting - Tuesday, June 13, York Public Library, 6 pm