

**York Conservation Commission – June 2022 Meeting
6/8/2022**

Members in Attendance – Stephanie Byrne, Mary Dopart, Alan McDonald, Gerry Beekman, James Kences (also attending: Doreen MacGillis, York Land Trust)

Lake Carolyn and Phillips Pond – Consultation with the town clarified that erosion of the roadside near Phillips Pond was due to flooding, not parking.

Re Lake Carolyn - The CC will recommend that: a gate be installed at the dam access point, to limit parking and discourage dumping in and near the lake; signage be added to encourage responsible recreation (carry-in-carry out, no campfires, no motorized vehicles). A second access point, south of the dam, requires some type of barrier to limit parking. Invasives are an issue, especially near the dam. The CC will recommend additional signage on abutting private roads to deter inappropriate activity.

Re Phillips Pond - Multiple invasives are present in and near the Pond. A plan to address this problem should be developed.

York conservation lands – A list will be developed of vacant lands with high conservation value that might be added via purchase or conservation easement. The Maine Natural Areas Program recently announced a new, free pre-acquisition review service for conservation projects.

Pesticides in York – At York Comp Fest II, held May 12, many participants favored a pesticide ordinance, and the Harbor Board has indicated support. A recently passed ordinance in Ogunquit might help provide an initial draft.

York Paddle Tennis and Pickle Ball Club application – The CC received information that an application for expansion of the Club facilities did not include all required information on affected natural resources. Input to the Planning Board will be developed and CC members will attend a site walk.