

York Conservation Commission – July 2022 Meeting 7/13/2022

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

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. CC members then attended a site walk. Feedback to the Planning Board was developed, suggesting that the application be modified to include all required information as well as plans to mitigate the environmental impact of the proposed expansion; this feedback has been transmitted to the Board ahead of their meeting on 7/14.

Lake Carolyn and Phillips Pond –

The CC will request a meeting with the Select Board to seek town action to protect these town-owned properties, to be designated as conservation lands in the state registry. A presentation is being developed to highlight issues described by those living nearby and observed by CC members.

For Lake Carolyn, the CC will recommend that: a gate be installed at the dam access point and some type of barrier be placed at a second access point (south of the dam), to limit parking and discourage dumping in and near the lake; signage be added to encourage responsible recreation (e.g., carry-in-carry out, no campfires, no motorized vehicles).

For both properties invasives are an issue, especially for Phillips Pond, with multiple invasives present in and near the Pond. The CC will request funding to develop a plan to address this problem.

The CC may schedule an additional meeting this month to discuss the presentation to the Select Board.

Interaction with Planning Board – After some discussion of the types of applications which could benefit from CC input, the CC will seek to clarify the mechanisms by which CC input is requested for various applications.

Pesticides – discussion of action on pesticides was delayed until the next meeting.