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## York Conservation Commission Agenda for Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM on Zoom

1. Meet and greet with new attendee
2. Presentation to the Select Board on Lake Carolyn and Phillips Pond
  - a. What is the preferred date
  - b. Completion of agenda request
  - c. Discussion on potential SB questions, including previous actions for park designation, town responsibilities, monitoring of conservation lands, mitigation of infringements and invasive species control
3. Next Steps on Pesticide Ordinance/Policy
  - a. Follow up with Harbor Board
  - b. Discussion on best approach
4. Article from Gerry on How lawns contribute to climate change
  - a. Any examples of how residents have been successfully educated on any issue.
  - b. Does the High School do education on actions that contribute to climate change
5. Open Space Conservation Ordinance – no action so far from the Planning Board
6. Other Topics

Topic: York Conservation Meeting Agenda 8.9 7:00

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## **York Conservation Commission – August 2022 Meeting 8/9/2022**

Members in Attendance – Stephanie Byrne, Mary Dopart, Alan McDonald, Gerry Beekman (also attending: Mike Sinclair, chair of the Harbor Board)

### **Lake Carolyn and Phillips Pond**

The CC will request a meeting with the Select Board in September 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. Details are in the July meeting minutes. Abutters should be notified when a date is set.

### **Pesticides**

Members expressed the view that the time is right for a town pesticide ordinance, rather than just a policy. This view is supported by input received for the York Comprehensive Plan. The Harbor Board will join this effort. Members will also contact the York Land Trust, the Great Works Land Trust, and the town Parks and Rec Dept for their help in formulating a proposed ordinance. A recent Ogunquit ordinance will provide a starting point, and the Ogunquit CC will be asked to share lessons learned from development of their ordinance. Education of the public will be necessary and important.

### **York lawns**

Gerry will look into the possibility of creating a York Healthy Yards site, linked to the national site, to help educate York residents regarding best practices.

### **September meeting**

Because of a schedule conflict, the CC will next meet on September 6 at 7 pm.