

York Conservation Commission Notes from 2/14/2019:

Attendees:

Mike Morgillo

Laura Brogan

Stephanie Byrne

Unable to attend Stephen Arsenault

Topics discussed and key comments:

1. Pesticide ordinance needs to be finalized. Factors to resolve for sign-off:
  - a. Must be enforceable
  - b. Need to understand impacts to town on before and after expectations
  - c. Education to be provided on impacts of use of certain chemicals (especially round-up/agent orange) and how to use safe alternatives
2. Untreated water appears to be running off onto long sands beach into the ocean. Walking down the beach you will see two areas where a large pipe is allowing the draining of water under the road onto the beach. In the summer the water is observed to be dark with a pungent smell. Children feel encouraged to play in this water due to the warmer temperatures.
  - a. Need to have water tested by professionals
  - b. Need to understand the inland sources of the water including which properties contribute to the run-off
  - c. Fishing industry should be informed due to impact on lobsters and fish quality
3. The town will be re-doing the town comprehensive plan over the next couple of years. It is imperative that the land use expectations regarding maintenance of open land, forest, wildlife and community character continue to be strong or stronger.
  - a. The conservation commission will participate in development of the plan and approval
  - b. All items on the conservation commission progressive plan should be accounted for in the comprehensive plan
4. There is a new compounding pharmacy being build in York. Need to understand impacts of ground maintenance on any watershed from facility.
5. Short discussion on the need to have the Maine Turnpike Authority remedy noise from the turnpike with noise barriers. To be included in the conservation commission progressive plan.
6. Waiting on date for meeting with Wildlife center. Need input from experts to incorporate wildlife conservation in the conservation commission progressive plan (CCMP).
7. Mike will appear before the select board on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> to gain approval on mission statement. All are welcome and can also be watched on TV.
8. Over the next week the commission is to consolidate items to be included on the CCMP. Next step is to have a group review and finalize.