

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Conservation Committee  
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner  
DATE: December 12, 2019  
SUBJECT: Water Body Naming Project

### Introduction

The Town Council has referred to the Conservation Committee responsibility for initial implementation of Recommendation #72 in the 2019 Comprehensive Plan.

#72 Assign names to significant unnamed bodies of water and streams.

### Project approach

The town's GIS consultant, Judy Colby George, will be preparing maps of unnamed water bodies. At the last meeting, the committee agreed to a naming protocol that will consider historical, natural feature and unique qualities. The Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society President Jim Rowe has agreed to assist with historical elements. Once names are proposed, the public will be asked for input.

### Significant

What is a significant water body? For this meeting, the Conservation Committee may want to discuss a working definition of "significant" water body.

Significant water body: any pond with a surface area of approximately 10,000 sq. ft. or greater and any perennial stream depicted on the hydrography data set.

### Next Steps

Water body maps should be available for the meeting to begin the naming discussion.