

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM
LORANGER MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm

Member Roll Call: Ginger McMullin John Bird, Linda Jenkins, Mark Koenigs, Pierre Bouthiller and Patricia Holland (alternate member)

Other attendees: John Weaver, Recycling Committee and Andrea Berlin, Memorial Park Committee

ITEM 1. Beginning with Habitat Maps/Open and Natural Areas Inventory

Reviewed our list of Unique Areas and Open Spaces and discussed at length. The updated lists were noted on easel pad paper as follows:

Page 1: Unique Areas:

1. Blueberry Plains
2. 50 Acre Wood
3. Beach
4. Piping Plover/Roseate Tern nesting areas
5. Old growth pines – Ocean Park
6. Scarborough Marsh/Little River
7. Deer wintering area off Portland Road (adj. to Mill Brook)
8. Goosefare Brook/Rachael Carson National Wildlife Refuge (N.W.R.)
9. Vernal pool? – Animal Shelter & Portland Ave
10. Eastern Trail – CMP/NE Gas Easements

Page 2: Open Space:

1. Town owned land at Portland Rd. near gas line and RR tracks
2. 50 Acre Wood
3. Area Behind Cider Hill
4. Upland adjacent to Scarborough Marsh off Ross Road
5. Saco/Scarborough/OOB border NW corner (off Milliken Mills between Stuart Brook and Mill Brook)
6. Ocean Park Assoc. areas under easements
7. Pocket Marshes – Jordan, Randall, etc.
8. Eastern Trail Easements
9. Homewood Park Subdivision – undeveloped areas

ITEM 2. Approval of February 7, 2011 minutes

Approved minutes of February 7, 2011 meeting by 4-0 vote. Koenigs abstained.

ITEM 3. Earth Day: Conservation Commission role/volunteers

Earth Day event is being planned for April 16, 2011 at Memorial Park from 10am to 2pm with rain date of 4/17/11. John Weaver, Recycling Committee Chair, gave an update on the exhibitors/vendors status.

Volunteer activities will be a spring clean-up of Memorial Park and a town wide litter pick-up. A Memorial Park volunteer task list will be coordinated by Andrea Berlin, Memorial Park Committee Chair. The town wide spring clean-up to collect litter and recyclables is being sponsored by the Recycling Committee.

Conservation Commission will have a tent/booth with table displays showing OOB Con Com activities, projects and interests. Suggested displays were photos of OOB's unique open and natural areas, the local habitat maps, current and proposed shore land zoning maps, and the anemometer project preliminary status report.

ITEM 4. Memorial Park Subcommittee update

Andrea Berlin gave an update on the Memorial Park Subcommittee plans for 2011.

- 1) Plant sale on May 1 with OOB 365
- 2) Stone dust – Dog park
- 3) Flag raising ceremonies – American Legion – Memorial Day weekend
- 4) Luminaire display on May 29th
- 5) Name plates for donated trees – granite markers – Bill R., DPW
- 6) Build gardens on back burner

ITEM 5. Budgeting Process / Work Plan

Andrea and Ginger gave a report on the 2011-12 budget and work plan. There are separate Conservation Commission and Memorial Park budgets. Con Com's total budget for 2011-12 is \$2,900 with \$700 for meeting registration fees & education.

ITEM 6. History/Status of Ocean Park tide gate (John Bird)

John Bird spoke briefly on the history and status of the tide gate(s) in Ocean Park. He reviewed the status of new Shore Land Zoning ordinance being considered by the Town Council now. The Town Council is holding a public hearing during their regular meeting on Tuesday night March 15, 2011. Conservation Commission members will attend and Ginger will make prepared remarks speaking as Chair of the Conservation Commission.

ITEM 7. Other Business

No other business discussed.

Next meeting April 11, 2011 – 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Mark Koenigs
Mark Koenigs, Secretary
(Approved on 4/11/11)