

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010 at 7:10 PM
TOWN HALL

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10pm

Roll Call: Ginger McMullin, John Bird, Linda Jenkins, Pierre Bouthiller, alt.; Mark Koenigs, alt., *Absent*: Randy Sears.

ITEM: 1 – Elect Officers

Mr. Koenigs made motion to nominate Ms. McMullin as Chair and John Bird vice Chair. Ms. Jenkins seconded. Vote was unanimous; 5-0. Mr. Koenigs offered to take meeting minutes. All agreed to postpone the election of a Secretary.

ITEM 2: Review minutes of June 14, 2010

Discuss the minutes of the previous meeting and use of an audio tape recorder for record keeping. Discussed use of a Town employee as a recording secretary and to prepare Conservation Commission (ConCom) written meeting minutes. Discussed past chair's service to community and voted to recognize. Mr. Bird motioned to accept previous meeting minutes of 6/14/10. Mr. Bouthiller seconded. Vote was unanimous; 3-0 with 2 abstaining.

ITEM 3: Discussion of ConCo decision making process and rules of order

ConCom to have five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members. Alternates serve as regular voting members to fill five (5) voting seats when there are votes by ConCom.

Discussion of ConCom meeting rules and organization. Decisions of ConCom to be made by majority vote with the goal being to reach a consensus of opinion and votes.

Chair McMullin presented simplified Roberts Rules of Order and Rules for Boards of less than 12 people for review and consideration. Opinions varied slightly on following simplified Roberts Rules of Order for small groups. Consensus was meetings to be informal, but utilize simplified Roberts Rules of Order for guideline as warranted by agenda item at the discretion of the Chair.

Discussion of ConCom membership: Chair McMullin reported to ConCom that Randy Sears had submitted his resignation early in 2010. ConCom is seeking an additional two members to fill confirmed vacancies. The two (2) open volunteer ConCom positions to be publicly advertised on Town's website and channel 3.

ITEM 4: Conservation Commission position on Shoreland Zoning (SLZ) Ordinance

Reviewed in depth the SLZ history of meetings, previous discussions and decisions by Conservation Commission on SLZ at meetings. Mr. Bouthiller made a motion to open SLZ ordinance for reconsideration to discuss new input from members which missed previous meetings on SLZ. Mr. Koenigs seconded motion. Discussion of motion: Discussed what was meant by reconsideration; agreed that it is not a withdrawal of our previous recommendations, but rather to allow us to consider new technical information or knowledge that may not have been available during previous meetings. Vote on SLZ reconsideration passed 4-1.

ITEM 5 Other business:

Discussed emails and verbal conversations with Town department heads and officials; ConCom member's personal opinions vs. ConCom recommendations or opinions.

Recess taken at 8:40 to 8:45 pm.

Mr. Bouthiller gave update on garden at Loranger Middle School. It is growing very well and students have been harvesting vegetables and distributing them to school food programs during July. A garden documentary DVD has been made and can be aired on Channel 3 for community information.

First quarter of data has been collected from the anemometer at the OOB High School. Data collection started on May 14th 2010. Discussed that the information is collected remotely by John Villanova, Univ. Maine, for Efficiency Maine. The data is public information. Goal of the ConCom is to have the information made readily available to the public along with the documentary DVD that has been made about the anemometer/wind study and has been submitted to John Glass for broadcasting on channel 3. Also provide a link on the OOB Town web page to the wind study data at U of Maine/Efficiency Maine websites and set-up a Facebook page for the OOB Wind Energy Study.

Discussed Town owned open spaces on GIS map, and the open space at the Ball Park property. Ms. Jenkins plans to attend the Ball Park Commission meetings to keep informed and will share updates with ConCom during our meetings.

Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2010 at 7 PM at Town Hall. Goal will be to have a regularly scheduled meeting time of every 2nd Monday of every month starting in September.

Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Mark Koenigs

Mark Koenigs, Acting Secretary
(Approved on 8/23/10)