

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM  
OOB HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Meeting Called to Order at 7:09 pm

Member Roll Call: Ginger McMullin, John Bird, Patricia Holland, Pierre Bouthiller, and Mark Koenigs. Absent: Linda Jenkins

Guest: Jeffrey Hinderliter, Town Planner

Public: Jerome Begert

Note Public is welcome to attend and participate in the Conservation Commission at the pleasure of the Chair.

ITEM 1. Approval of November Minutes

Reviewed the November 11, 2011 meeting minutes. Ms. McMullin moved to accept the minutes with noted corrections for clarity. Mr. Bird seconded motion. Discussion: Town Planner explained “paper street” by providing definition and R.O.W. as either a public or private “right-of-way”. Minutes as noted were approved unanimously, 5-0.

ITEM 2. Jeffrey Hinderliter: Establishing trails -- previous work

Chair introduced our guest, Jeffrey Hinderliter, Town Planner and turn over the floor to Jeffrey to share his previous experiences with Wiscasset Conservation Commission and establishing trails in that community.

See attached memo on Trails dated 12 December 2011 by Mr. Hinderliter. Jeffrey reviewed his memo points and answered questions by attendees from 7:10 pm to about 8:15 pm. He provided us copies of an example trails project from Wiscasset, Maine.

Mr. Bird made a motion that the Conservation Committee should give support and encourage Town Council to require the DownEaster train service and upgraded train platform at OOB to include bicycle loading and unloading during the OOB seasonal train service for a minimum of two stops, one at the beginning of the day and one in the evening going north and south bound. Seconded by Mr. Bouthiller. Discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 3. OOB ET Connector: plan and next steps

Consider what is the final project or product the Conservation Commission will be delivering, ie. is it a brochure, handout, or actual trails.

Jeffrey offer support of Town’s GIS consultant to prepare trail maps. Dan Stuart, MDOT, is a supporter of trails in Maine; Public Safety.

Contact existing groups that already use existing “stealth green ways”. We may consider posting notices to let unknown users of existing trail or paths that we’d like their input to develop community trails for walking, running, hiking and biking. Also other winter uses possible on existing stealth trails that have been developed by snowmobilers; ie continue their use and provide other trails for cross country skiing and shoe shoeing.

Discussed our next steps for our trail from Memorial Park to the Eastern Trail in OOB.

Jeffrey will provide his assistance to help identify the R.O.W. and Ownership of the School Street Extension and other properties/R.O.W.s along our proposed trail route from the Memorial Park to the Eastern Trail at the end of Pond View Road.

#### ITEM 4. Comprehensive Plan

Jeffrey gave us an update on the Comprehensive Plan status. Public feedback was good. The number one priority with 98% of respondents was Clean Beach. It is our most significant natural and economical resource. The second priority was clean water.

Mr. Bird mad a motion to promote and implement recycling on the beach to be placed in the RFP for next year’s Beach Maintenance Contract. Seconded by Mr. Bouthiller. Discussion. Mr. Bouthiller to draft correspondence to Town Council on behalf of Conservation Commission. ComCom’s motion in form of letter correspondence to be transmitted to Town Council by Chair. Motion passed 5-0.

Jeffrey answered questions about the Comprehensive Plan process covering inventory and analysis and then public input on Draft Comprehensive Plan.

After Jeffrey left we discussed Blueberry Plains, deed research need, and the kiosk. Mr. Bird will research and find deed for the two (2) Town properties in the county register of deeds (Records) in Alfred. Chair to provide Mr. Bird the Book & Page numbers to research and get a copy of the Deeds.

Discussed kiosk carpentry and materials, no more than \$1000.00 in budget.

#### ITEM 5. Budget Discussion

Discussed budget process. Conservation Commission line item is under DPWs budget. Memorial Park maintenance is now DPW’s. Ms. Holland to check with Memorial Park Committee Chair, Mary Beth Robbilar during next week’s meeting.

Facebook page for Memorial Park, it covers flag raisings, fund raising and gardens. Calendar fund raising plan fell through. Will try for next year.

Motion by Mr. Bird. Conservation Commission to endorse and support seeking year round train service starting in Fall of 2012. Seconded by Mr. Bouthiller. Discussion ensued. Motion passed 4-0-1, one abstaining.

ITEM 6. Other business

Topic of the skate park was discussed. Jason Webber wants to talk to Conservation Commission sometime during one of our meetings. Siting of the skate park was discussed.

Mr. Bouthiller gave an update on the plans for a skating pond on the Ball Park retention pond. DPW has given donation of materials and volunteers are doing the installation work; Mr. Bouthiller.

Next meeting January 9, 2012 – 7:00 PM, OOB High School Library

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

*Mark Koenigs*

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Mark Koenigs, Secretary  
(Approved on 2/13/12)