

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM  
IN FRONT OF HIGH SCHOOL ON THE GREEN

Meeting Called to Order at 7:15 pm

Member Roll Call: Ginger McMullin, Linda Jenkins, Patricia Holland, Mark Koenigs

Absent: John Bird and Pierre Bouthiller

ITEM 1. Approval of minutes

Reviewed minutes, suggested minor edits and approved of June meeting minutes as edited.

ITEM 2. Subcommittee Reports: Memorial Park

Ms. Holland gave the Memorial Park subcommittee report. The flag ceremony held at 6pm every night is continuing. There was more vandalism in the park. Discussed fund raising calendar; submit photos of OOB for the calendar.

Ms. Jenkins mentioned email from an out of town summer visitor that was sent to OOB 365 and is circulating through the town offices. He was happy and thrilled with the changes to the Town. His family has been coming to OOB for the past 30 years.

ITEM 3. Healthy Beaches Conference, July 15, 2011

Funds for Commission Members to get educated are available. Due to work and other schedule commitments those in attendance didn't sound like we attend the conference. Chair McMullin reported that John Bird had indicated that he was planning to attend.

ITEM 4. Blueberry Plains cleanup

Chair McMullin reported on the clean-up. OOB DPW took out two truckloads of trash material. The DPW provided two men, a 1 ton dump body truck and backhoe. They filled the hole near the trail where the couch had been. Volunteers that attended were Ginger McMullin, John Bird, Mark Koenigs and Cady Koenigs. Thanks to the DPW and the volunteers.

During the clean-up event, John Bird made a suggestion that the Conservation Commission should hold a Blueberry Festival sometime during the berry picking season. Members agreed to consider holding a Blueberry Festival next year in early August; need to plan the festival and confirm what week the berries are typically ripe and bountiful to select a good weekend.

ITEM 5. Signage: Blueberry Plains and OOB Conservation Commission

Members discussed updating the big sign for Blueberry Plains. The old sign is 4 ft x8 ft, it is faded and reads "RECLAIM the PLAINS". Linda offered to donate a piece of MBO board she has at home. Cady Koenigs has offered to design and paint the sign. Cady will draft a

sketch for Con Com members to see and approve. She will use the current Con Com logo on the sign. Chair McMullin to send the current Con Com logo to Mr. Koenigs to give to Cady. Also discussed the possibility of installing a kiosk at the parking area near the sign to provide information to people who may want to stop and walk through the Blueberry Plains on the old ATV trails.

ITEM 6. Other business

Mr. Koenigs mentioned the Eastern Trail project's - Saco/OOB trail section construction status. The newly completed trail sections are looking great. The contractor, Shaw Bros., is now working on the overpass bridge at Rt. 1 crossing. They also have to install the large arch culvert which has to be done a specific time of year by permit.

Ms. Jenkins mentioned John Nye, science teacher at Loranger, with regards to Beach Profiling and middle school students/volunteers.

Under other business – Ms. Jenkins is working to get plans for barbeque pit for the Ball Park. A Rotary group in Pennsylvania has sent her their plans and she has pictures. She's going to talk to local Rotarians about the project.

Next meeting August 8, 2011 – 7:00 PM, location to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

*Mark Koenigs*

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Mark Koenigs, Secretary  
( Approved on 9/12/11)