

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL IN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 pm

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

Public/Guests: Mark Pearson, Town Manager, thru third agenda item. Karen Brozek, interested in becoming an alternate member, Kim McLaughlin, Town Clerk, operating the Town television/recording the meeting.

This official Town of OOB meeting of the Conservation Commission was televised live and recorded per the revised 2012 Town Charter requirement. A DVD of the recording is kept by the Town Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall for public information and historical record.

Note Public is welcome to attend and participate in the Conservation Commission meetings at the pleasure of the Chair. People interested in volunteering to plan, fund raise, and construct recreational trails in OOB are encouraged to contact the Chair McMullin or Mark Koenigs.

ITEM 1. Introductions

The Conservation Commission members present at the meeting introduced themselves.

ITEM 2. Review and accept minutes of July 9

Chair McMullin stated the July 9th draft minutes were complete on her computer, but she was unable print copies for review due to a technical printing issue. The Chair will submit the draft minutes to the Town Clerk and the members for their use and review to be accepted at our next meeting in September.

Mr. Koenigs, Conservation Commission Secretary, passed out copies of the draft June 12th minutes that were submitted via email to the Town Clerk for posting and the members for review. Members reviewed the draft minutes. Members noted some typos for corrections and recommended an amendment after Mr. Koenigs read Mr. Bird's emailed correction regarding the Wetlands inventory RFP award and Mr. Bird's communications with Town Manager and Bill Robertson, DPW Director; no meeting was held. The June 12, 2012 minutes were accepted as amended and corrected by a 4-0 vote. The accepted minutes will be submitted to the Town Clerk and distributed to the members by the Secretary via email.

ITEM 3. Procedures for meetings

Chair made some opening remarks regarding meeting procedures. The new Town Charter requires that the Conservation Commission's regular public meetings be recorded (video with

audio) starting July 1st, 2012. The first such meeting was held at Jakeman Hall in Ocean Park and was professionally recorded at the Town's expense and use.

Mark Pearson spoke on the issue of the invoice for recording the Conservation Commission's July meeting; \$250.00. Town Council recently voted 4-1 not to pay the invoice for the incurred recording expense. Mr. Bouthiller also spoke on the issue and expects the invoice to be paid for services rendered and accepted by the Town.

Chair discussed raising funds for Conservation Commission projects including paying for the outstanding one time recording of the first meeting.

Mr. Bouthiller shared that he's been approached by a town resident who is interested in making a donation for the OOB to ET connector trail crossing at the Eastern Trail end for the bridge over the drainage ditch.

Discussed potential fund raising possibilities to raise funds for the OOB to ET connector trail.

ITEM 4. Subcommittee's updates

a. Memorial Park

Ms. Holland stated that there were no subcommittee meetings held by the subcommittee recently as it is summer time.

An easement request from the commercial property owner/developer (AZs/Family Dollar) for the use of a small portion of Memorial Park land will be on the Town Council's August 21 meeting agenda. The Chair will forward the proposed easement information to Mr. Koenigs, who stated he had not seen the proposed easement documents. Some of the subcommittee members and subcommittee chair have provided input on the easement conditions and were in general support of improvements to the back property line the easement agreement would provide.

b. Trails

The newly formed Trails subcommittee held its first public meeting in the Town Hall parking lot (Town Hall was locked and no key could be found at the time of the meeting). There are currently four (4) subcommittee members; Ginger McMullin, Mark Koenigs, Jim Bucar, and Jennifer Hamilton. Sam and Adam Nye also attended our first meeting in lieu of their older brother who was going to volunteer, but recently accepted a job out of State. We need one or two other volunteers to be on the subcommittee.

A public meeting notice flyer will be mailed out and posted for our next public meeting on the planning for the OOB to ET Connector Trail. The meeting will be held on August 22, 2012 at 7 pm in Town Hall and all of the public is invited to attend.

The Subcommittee will be developing a more specific set of plans for the OOB to ET Connector Trail. Plans to be reviewed with Bill Robertson, and used to develop a scope of work with a project budget. The Chair would like to have a demo area of the School Street Extension prepared and topped with asphalt reclaim (asphalt road grindings). The Chair will discuss the demo area with Bill Robertson.

Mr. Koenigs covered the potential trail project area in OOB that the trail committee may want to identify or propose after the connector trail is completed.

ITEM 5. Plans/projects for coming year

Chair McMullin opened discussion on what projects the Conservation Commission wanted to focus on and undertake for the coming year and then look towards the future fiscal year in the early winter to prepare for the next year's budgetary process.

Projects discussed were

- 1) Meeting with the forester to get his perspective on how best to manage the Town own wooded lots and stands of trees,
- 2) Wetlands resources- Maine info
- 3) Healthy Beaches – outlets to ocean at Goosefare Brook in Ocean Park.
- 4) OOB to ET Connector Trail
- 5) OOB Trails planning, inventory and potential locations

Mr. Bouthiller excused himself from the meeting to go to an emergency fire call.

ITEM 6. Other Business

Karen Brozek was introduced and she is interested in becoming Conservation Commission alternate member. She will have the Town Clerk place her name on the Town Council's next meeting agenda for an appointment.

Mr. Koenigs reviewed the past meeting minutes for other business that may need follow-up or closure. Fireworks at the Ballpark – No issues. Wetlands inventory contract; the Town has hired New Earth Consulting, Saco, ME to conduct a wetlands inventory for the entire Town. The last inventory was done by Woodland Lots Alternatives.

Next meeting September 10, 2012 – 7:00 PM, OOB Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Mark Koenigs

Mark Koenigs, Secretary
(Approved on 9/10/12)