

## OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 2019, 7:00 PM

OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Members present: Kimbark Smith, Barry Jackman, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Nye

### 1. General Updates

Kimbark - Phragmites removal in Randall Marsh. Camp students helped tape a couple of acres of phragmites. This week Kimbark and volunteers are cutting, and Stantec biologists are spraying. We no longer have to bag the cut phragmites!

Kimabrak - The tide gate is shutting too early, so the tide is not feeding the Jordan Park marsh. Kimbark already contacted the person who runs the Goosefare Watershed Plan to get the marshes included in the Plan. He is now working with the town and DEP to get the shutting level raised. Something is wrong with the sensor. Gates can be shut manually when a storm is coming, or the gate can be set on storm mode for 24 hours. People can help by taking a photo of the gate at high tide.

Cynthia – Pollinator gardens are flourishing. Visitors are coming from Taiwan on October 4 so we have a list of things we could do to spruce up.

Barry – OP Campers did a great job taping up phragmites!

Roger – Eleven piping plovers fledged on our beach this year! The last chicks fledged early August. Two nests were abandoned, one at Seacliff and one at Tunis, six eggs. We need more volunteers in spring 2020. Loranger third graders learn about plovers in the Community Project.

### 2. Fall Plans and Dates

Buffer Project Goosefare Brook will happen late October

### 3. Good and Welfare

**\*\*New phone number to find out What's Up in OOB: 937-5611\*\***

Next meeting September 9, 2019.

We will have to schedule Oct and Nov around Monday holidays--Indigenous Peoples Day and Veterans Day.

Minutes by Cynthia Nye, clerk

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission