

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 7:00 PM

Town Hall

Members Present: Kimbark Smith, Mark Koenigs, Dawn Marie Dunbar, Irv Paradis, Cynthia
Guest: Lynne Yeamans

1. Fall School Plans - Cynthia

In the fall, we will have 2 investigations: Knotweed and Invasive Crabs. Third grade spring project TBD. Currently, we need to mount the spring 2021 bat house and bat posters, and a literature box to fill with an 8th grade student's Invasive Plant brochures.

2. Phragmites and Swallowwort Clean up and Campaign moving forward - Irv/Kb

Next week, Irv will head the clean up of SW on Weymouth Ave and meet with StanTech; they will clear the other side of Weymouth and apply herbicide where homeowners will allow. One homeowner needs to be informed that 15 feet from the road is public land. Irv has picked off the seed pods so that the plant can't reproduce.

KB will talk to the new code enforcement officer.

Mark has found more plants on Fern Ave. Fern Ave is being repaired. Mark will pick off the seed pods. AKA dog-strangling vine. Spreading fast.

Black Swallowwort bulletin we can print and distribute to homeowners:

<https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/2523e/>

3. Leash Committee- Kb/Barry - Barry represented the Conservation Committee on the ad hoc committee. A guest from the public suggested that the title should be Beach Management Committee for People, Plovers, and Dogs (or similar). It is an ad hoc committee, not created by the Town Council, so it doesn't have to record minutes. The committee made a recommendation to the Council to do what Scarborough did. The Town Council will give the proposal a hearing (date TBA), taking input from the public, and make a decision.

4. Sumter Landing and the Solar Farm Maps Update- Mark walked the property, nothing is underway for the solar farm. For Sumter Landing, the developer wants us to work with the homeowners association. Now that there is a homeowner there should be a homeowner's agreement on file with the Town Planner's Office. Mark will talk with the developers, follow up with Matt/Town Planner, and set a meeting time for the Con Com subcommittee.

New Industrial Arts teacher in OOB; will he build 2 kiosks with students in spring 2022?

5. Goosefare Cleanup Committee, plantings - Barry will update next meeting.

6. Good and Welfare -

- Breakaway 5K race is August 15 and proceeds will be used to start a college scholarship fund in Roger Steven's name.
- Con Com also has an account in Roger's name; at some point we need to decide how

to use it.

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission