

## OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, December 13, 2021, 7:00 PM

Town Hall

Attendance: Kimbark Smith, Dawn Marie Dunbar, Irv Paradis, Mark Koenigs, Barry Jackman, Cynthia Nye

Guest: Laurie Shelton representing Davenport Neighborhood Association

### 1. General Updates

Blueberry Plains: Mark & KB cleared and marked trails. To-do: Install a kiosk at Summerlong Drive and trail along Ross Road. Kimbark suggested spreading wildflower seeds

Kiosks: Mark will meet with Brooks Bowen, OOBHS shop teacher, after the holidays. Mark sent plans for building three of them, 2 for Blueberry plains, 1 for Milliken Mills far north (toward Scarborough), possibly for Ocean Park near the sewerage treatment plant.

Hemlock wooly adelgid: Jay the gardener found HWA in Guild Park.

Kimbark will cut phragmites for students to build bee houses.

The animal shelter will be cleaned out in the spring.

UNE students to carry lumber to stream crossing: Dawn Marie will email early in the spring to try to get students to volunteer for community service projects.

Dog regulations - new ordinances were passed by the Council; a group of dog owners is requesting changes to make the rules less stringent

Black swallowwort: Found on Weymouth, New Salt, Rt. 9 to Joseph's, Fern; Stantech spread chemicals on one side of Weymouth and New Salt, reduced the plant burden but didn't eliminate it. Where it was dug out, it has not returned. On Odena, it was cut, then exploded.

- Irv will develop a brochure about ways to eliminate it.
- We can communicate with DPW about treating it in the road islands.
- [Bulletin #2523, Maine Invasive Plants: Black Swallowwort, Cynanchum louiseae \(Milkweed Family\) - Cooperative Extension Publications](#) - UMaine

### 2. Good and Welfare

Laurie Shelton, representing Davenport Neighborhood Association, told us they want to stop flooding that's coming from Little River; they have plans that will be affected if the town alters Walnut Street. Kimbark recommended she contact Mark Foster, Assistant Town Planner.

Money given in memory of Roger is still available for a project. Cynthia will invite Missy Mans to come talk to us in February or March.

Barry saw a Great Blue Heron still in Ocean Park yesterday, December 12.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Nye  
Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission