

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, February 14, 2022 7:00 PM

Town Hall

Attending: Chair Kimbark Smith, Irv Paradis, Barry Jackman, Dawne-Marie Dunbar, Cynthia Nye, Alternate Charlie Backus

1. General Updates

American chestnuts for Milliken Mills Woods: Loranger students went to UNE 2/11/2022 to meet Professor Tom Klak and see the greenhouse where he and his students are raising genetically modified chestnut seedlings. He gave students non-modified seedlings to try to grow in the classroom. Charlie Backus has tools and experience to help plant chestnut trees.

HWA predator beetles are ordered and paid, and will arrive in mid-March. State entomologist Colleen Teerling will come to help release beetles at the correct time at Jameson Woods and Guild Park: early March to choose trees, mid-March to release beetles once HWA hatches.

- Irv wrote an article for the Ocean Park Association

Three kiosks will be built by Brooks Bowen and OOBHS students this spring.

The animal shelter has been cleaned out!! YAY!

2. Plovers

Invite Missy Mans to visit ConCom meeting on March 14

- ask her for ideas about a memorial for Roger (also see Good and Welfare)

Volunteer plover monitor training through DPW

DPW paid employees to monitor last year

3. Good and Welfare

- Kimbark brought flowers and snacks for Valentine's Day :-)
- Roger Stevens Memorial Project - Dawn-Marie will ask the art department at UNE for sculpture ideas/interest
- Irv will start black swallowwort article next month.
- UNE project learning has changed with Covid. Potential for spring projects?
- Composting station in Ocean Park is getting used a lot! Misuse is decreasing.

Minutes recorded by Cynthia Nye

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission