

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2020, 7:00 PM

OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Attending: Kimbark Smith (chair), Barry Jackman, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Nye (clerk)

1. The "Year of the Plover"

Please think about ideas to conduct a multi-media campaign to increase awareness and support for the plover efforts in OOB

- Article for Ocean Park Association newsletter Feb 7, Mar 20 (Roger, Audubon)
- Adopt a plover nest (multiple people volunteer to monitor one nest/area for 30 days until eggs hatch)
- Also educate beach visitors to not stress birds before, during, after
- Courier article
- Postcards at Chamber, motels, libraries, trailer park offices (Roger will ask Lisa to order 1000 cards, Cynthia and students can deliver)
- Roger to call Adult Ed
- Student projects to teach other students and community members and advertise the need for more volunteers
- Students to report at June Conservation Commission meeting
- Plover activity books into schools
- Saco conservation commission-- Kimbark will contact them
- Ask Audubon for resources, flyers, info -- Facebook page
- Kiosks
- Cotton ball plover chick craft -- Scouts, too?
- TV 1301 Spectrum or online through website

2. General Updates

Maine Environmental Education Program of the Year Award, January 22 from 7-8:30 pm, Gilsland Farm Audubon Center (20 Gilsland Farm Road Falmouth)

Winter/Spring Plans

- GPS maps of Ocean Park trails -- we want to access Ted Wells and John Bird trails from Marshview Rd near pumping station, cross camp property to Rachel Carson and avoid camp horse area. We need to kill poison ivy there.
- Does Ted Wells trail exist on Rachel Carson maps?
- Grade 3 community project -- brown bat houses Audubon design, wood to wood shop at HS

3. Good and Welfare

- Planning Board review of Ford Trust request to cross Blueberry Plains land, developer seeking easement for a cluster, would give access to Goosefare Brook in exchange for easement
- Adjourned t 8:12 pm. Next Meeting February 10, 2020.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Nye, clerk

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission