

## OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 2022 7:00 PM

Town Hall

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

### 1. General Updates

#### Loranger School

- HWA predator beetles were released in Jameson Woods and Guild Park.
- American chestnut trees - 2 planted at Loranger, 2 promised to rec dept, 2 to Memorial Park, maybe 1 to library. Charlie Backus spent 9 days helping Tom Klak and the UNE crew plant seedlings in Cape Elizabeth; Cynthia's students visited and helped plant.
- Beaches Conference 2022 - Cynthia presented on our beach profiling program
- Pollinator gardens - 3 boxes were planted at Loranger. Theo Ciampa from Community Friendly Connection (CFC) helped Laura Seaver's 5th graders plant. ConCom paid for the plants (Broadway Gardens). Next year will be funded by a grant from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute shared by Loranger, CFC, and Libby Library.

Blueberry Plains Trails - great progress - new trails cut, kiosk installed at Pine Valley Rd, now Pine Valley side needs to be connected to the Blueberry Plains Trails.

Milliken Mills Trails - upper kiosk installed (and looks great), parking lot to come, new trail needs to be marked better. New boards on the big bridge show that people are using and improving it; we need to rebuild the bridge.

Funding - we were over but got approval to finish this year's projects, e.g., acrylic for kiosks

HWA follow up: Forester David Parker and entomologist Colleen Teerling are coming to Ocean Park Association on June 12 and 14 to speak and walk in Guild Park. Irv is publicizing in OP. Kimbark will post on Facebook for OOB.

Spraying - can we get someone certified to spray for HWA? Is Kb looking into this?

Piping Plover Signs - Missy Mans and Cynthia met with the Town Manager and reps from DPW and PD. New signs are being ordered and will be installed this summer (staff shortages). Each street entrance will have the same signs: street name, dog sign with new ordinance language, personal fireworks prohibited, carry out and dispose of trash. Old signs of all varieties will be removed.

### 2. Good and Welfare

Native trees - Andrew Tufts at Audubon wants places to plant native trees; Kimbark will contact him for more information.

Black swallowwort - StanTech spraying worked well; the plant has survived or reappeared on

Weymouth Ave.

Future budget - We discussed ideas for using budget funds for HWA beetles and other interventions on alternate years when we don't do phragmites remediation.

Roger Stevens Fund - Dawn is contacting a friend with a 3-D printer about making a sculpture; Cynthia will contact Audubon about buying taxidermied plover mount/s to keep at the library and take to groups; other ideas include an outdoor painting and/or identification panel showing shore species: piping plover, semipalmated plover, sandpiper, sanderling. We discussed starting a conservation scholarship through OOBHS but we'll see how much the specimens/educational displays cost first.

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