

## OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, March 21, 2022 7:00 PM

Town Hall

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

### 1. General Updates – Plans for the Spring

Chris White is new Director of DPW and sewerage treatment plant

Thank you notes

- Kimbark will email Missy Mans
- Libby Library - Cynthia

Loranger School Projects

- HWA predator release - planning walk Wednesday
- American chestnut seedlings to be planted this May, June - plan locations, possibly use water release capsules - need identification tags
- Connect Professor Tom Klak with Charlie Backus regarding machinery
- Research where and how they need to be planted
- Goosefare Brook Restoration Project - mitigation garden will be installed at the Loranger tennis courts
- Pollinator Gardens - connect Community Friendly Connections with Kimbark
- 3rd grade trip to beach for piping plovers and beach profiling
- 5th grade trip to Milliken Mills to see the book house and wigwam

Blueberry Plains

- 3 kiosks will be built this spring by Brooks Bowen's Industrial Arts class at OOBHS - goal to install Memorial Day weekend
- 1 kiosk at entrance at Summerlong, 1 at current parking area for Blueberry Plains, 1 at entrance to Milliken Mills property on Portland Ave
- Crossing over the drainage ditch - 20 feet long
- Mark will talk to the developer's engineer - the drainage ditch is on town property but we want to make sure the drainage works
- Mark will call the HOA representative
- May need more trail markers, but we have quite a few
- We need help to remove trash.

New land that connects Milliken Mills North to ET

- Mark will invite the town manager to a site walk in April

Trail Maps - Mark will update trail maps on ET connector - we need a pdf of Milliken Mills - we need to connect with someone who has access to GIS equipment

## 2. Good and Welfare

### Con Com Budget

- \$5,000 for phragmites/invasive species mitigation
- Total budget \$8,600 for FY 2023
- Let's use it this year to work toward our goals!

Maine Big Night - March 25, 7 pm - salamander & amphibian migration to vernal pools

[Read this article in Portland Press Herald Sunday March 20, 2022](#)

[Black Swallowwort, Maine Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet for Black Swallowwort](#)

### Piping Plovers and Dogs

- Irv brought a photo of Saco's beach leash law: All dogs must be leashed on Saco beaches from April 1st thru September 30th. Also - 12 foot leash max and stay 200 feet from areas marked for piping plovers
- Underneath is a sign provided by Maine Audubon, Fish & Wildlife, etc. of information about piping plovers
- Our sign - welcome to our beach, dogs leashed Memorial Day to Labor Day from 9-5
- Kimbark will contact Lisa about OOB's new leash law: Same as Scarborough - dusk till 9 am can be unleashed, then no dogs on beach 9-5, then leashed 5 pm to dusk
- We need consistent signage for the new law. Kimbark will call Lisa about signs.
- Eventually new laws and enforcement.
- Charlie called Sasha Morales, our new Community Social Relations, slim budget for police on the beach

Minutes recorded by Cynthia Nye

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission