

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, May 10, 2021, 7:00 PM

Town Hall

Present: Kimbark Smith, Barry Jackman, Irv Paradis, Cynthia Nye, Dawn Marie Dunbar new member, Prof at UNE

Guests: Lynne Yeamans, Charlie Backus potential member

1. Proposed leash law will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on May 18. Public may speak during good and welfare. The ConCom requested a 12-foot leash law from April 1 to September 30 to protect piping plovers.
2. General Updates: What is the present status of the 3rd grade community project?
 - no bus trips, 3rd graders and teachers only
 - 3rd grade will walk to the beach and learn about piping plovers and beach profiling
3. Sumter Landing and the Solar Farm
 - Timing to get a lay out done and meet with the developer(s) to get the trails and connections marked.
 - Mark is working on the maps
 - Lay out trails in summer
 - We want people to use the trails.
 - We can connect with UNE through Dawn Marie Dunbar.
 - Can the DPW help with the clean up?
 - 2.5 miles of trail around the perimeter of Blueberry Plains.
 - DPW will pick up what people collect.
4. Guild Park – Clean Up Grant Request for \$5300 from Project Canopy. If they don't get the grant, the Con Com will consider helping them take care of Guild Park.
5. Good and Welfare - Kimbark is writing the RFP for phragmites, and will request to include [black swallowwort](#). Mother plant on New Salt Rd is blooming, across from the tide gate. The owner endorsed removal.

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