

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, May 1, 2019, 7:00 PM
OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Members present: Kimbark Smith, Barry Jackman, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Nye
Guests: Representative Lori Gramlich, UNE student Brogan Hurst

1. General Updates

Spring Native Garden Project: 3rd grade trips to Milliken Mills and beach profiling May 2, pollinator research and planting project to start next week

Piping plover protection: plovers have been sighted in several OOB locations already

Goosefare Cleanup May 11 KB will contact Jimmy Perillo at OOBHS

Budget Update: rollover grant money for phragmites

2. Guest Visitor – Lori Gramlich Maine House Representative for OOB and is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Focus: Bills to protect our beaches and shoreline, erosion; possible plastic bag ban; implement requirements in beach report; committee of jurisdiction for DEP; plastics and polystyrene; just signed a law to ban polystyrene containers (takes effect in 90 days); climate change; decrease carbon footprint, Paris Accord 90% by 2050; examining what we are doing with landfills e.g., Juniper Ridge; decrease degree of waste we're producing; recycling and reducing waste; water protection, bill to say potable water is a necessity; she proposed legislation to tax water extraction, Poland Springs/Nestle extracted 120 billion plus gallons, paid taxes on land, none on water, some people's wells are being run dry, bill currently in taxation committee; ban large release balloons; Youth Rally for Climate Change smaller than she expected; a student from Kennebunk brought balloon and oak tree to show balloon doesn't degrade. Interested in integrated pest management.

She will email us a one-page list.

She is happy to visit schools. Supports LD 640 for CMP corridor carbon impact study. Also concerned about use of toxic chemicals to prevent regrowth if forest is cut.

Welcomes student testimony in Augusta. We need to move the needle for next generation.

Environmental justice. What happens at the local level is critically important.

3. Good and Welfare

Adjourned 8:05 pm.

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