

# OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2022 7:00 PM

Town Hall

Members present: Kimbark Smith, Barry Jackman, Irv Paradis, Charlie Backus, Cynthia Nye  
Guest: Missy Mans

## 1. General Updates

Beach Signage - Missy Mans inventoried existing signage and created a presentation shared with DPW and Con Com. Cynthia will contact Diana at Town Hall to schedule a meeting with representatives from the police department, DPW, Missy, and Cynthia to move signage forward. We will read the new dog ordinance and match language on the signs.

Piping Plovers - Missy reported 12 pairs, 1 nest. Windy conditions have been challenging for the birds.

Blueberry Plains - 8 people helped clear trails and pick up trash on the workday in April. Trails need to be cleared of large material before the DR trimmer can be used.

Kiosks have been installed at the solar farm, Blueberry Plains, and new Milliken Mills area. Kiosks were built by Brooks Bowen's students at OOBHS.

Kimbark went to a Maine Forestry presentation on species attacking our forests. There are many and some have no remedy at present.

Black swallowwort and phragmites: Irv will update us on black swallowwort next month.

Loranger School projects:

- 5th grade is making 3 pollinator gardens at LMS with OOB Community Friendly Connection. OOB CFC is also working with Libby Library, Community Garden, Rec Department and Memorial Park on pollinator projects. Con Com is funding plants for the LMS pollinator gardens.
- 5th grade will plant blueberry bushes to complete the Goosefare Brook Restoration project at the LMS tennis courts. This will probably happen in the fall.
- American chestnut seedlings are growing in Cynthia's classroom and hopefully will be planted before school ends on June 10. Charlie Backus is working with Tom Klak and his students at UNE to plant transgenic American chestnut trees in a research plot in Cape Elizabeth.
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid predator beetles are ready and will be delivered as soon as conditions are right to deploy them in Jameson Woods and Guild Park: temps consistently 60+ with a calm, dry day for release.

## 2. Land Donation and Surrounding Properties

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- Budget - Kimbark will find out how much money we have left in this year's budget so

we can use it before June 30. Suggestion: hiring Dump Runners to clean trash out of Milliken Mills Scarborough side.

- Roger Stevens memorial project - talk about it next meeting
- Has Larry's Memorial Park project been approved?

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