

## OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

Town Hall

Present: Kimbark Smith, Irv Paradis, Mark Koenigs, Dawn Marie Dunbar, Cynthia Nye

Absent: Barry Jackman

Guest: Charlie Backus

### 1. Fall School Plans Update - Cynthia

Milliken Mills - Mark and Cynthia installed the book house, built by a student and his family, in the picnic area next to a bench built by another student and family. Books will relate to nature and history of Maine. They can be borrowed and returned to the book house or to Loranger School. Cynthia will connect with Lee Koenigs at Libby Memorial Library, also.

### 2. OP Recycle Program - Irv

Ocean Park now has 4 compost barrels from Garbage to Garden installed on Free Street, emptied on Fridays; next year, a truckload of compost will be returned back to the community. Justin has a grant to pay the \$75 weekly charge and will keep the barrels out as long as the grant lasts. Biggest problem is that people dump the wrong things in there. If we broaden the program, we should do it in neighborhoods where people will police it. Loranger School did G2G a few years ago, kids got good at it, but it was discontinued because milk cartons weren't compostable.

3. Certification of Memorial Park members - Kb - Larry Mead runs Memorial Park; Jay Chase is the talented caretaker. Kimbark read the list of members into ConCom minutes, moved, seconded, and approved: Larry Mead, Chair; Michael Dickenson, Tina Kelley, Billy Marshall, Dan Pascucci; Jay Chase as gardener; Lisa Wilson as DPW liaison

4. Sumter Landing and the Solar Farm - Mark checked, 35 acres have been cleared.

### 5. Good and Welfare -

- UNE volunteers: Dawn Marie has sent emails asking about volunteers from UNE, hasn't heard back, missed the fall time frame, hopefully spring
- Kiosks: Mark will email Cynthia to ask new IA teacher about building kiosks and signs
- Blueberry Plains: We need to mark the crosscut trail (animal trail) as no bikes, pedestrian only to prevent erosion and trail loss.
- High School connections: Dawn Marie and Kimbark will make a list of 3-4 projects to take to a high school staff meeting
- Community Friendly Connections (CFC) - this group is beginning to plant pollinator gardens around town, Mark suggested them connecting with Jay Chase, Memorial

Park gardener; Cynthia will copy Kimbark and Mark on email to Cathy Chaisson of CFC

- Guild Park: Kimbark was told we can't use public funds to support Guild Park improvements because OPA is a private organization. Can the Town of OOB, ConCom, and Ocean Park Association (OPA) collaborate more?
- Goosefare Brook Grant - student-designed signs have been printed and will be mounted at the buffer gardens between Loranger and Jameson.
- Black swallow wort - work that Irv and Charlie did digging it out was 100% successful!! Work done with herbicide was about 50% successful. Where Mark removed and landlord cut, there are more in the area. It will have to be redone regularly to keep it down. It has regrown between West Grand and Odena.

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Nye

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission