

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, February 12, 2018, 7:00 PM

OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Attending: Kimbark Smith, Cynthia Nye, Barry Jackman

Guests: Mark Koenig, Warren Kenniston

1. Guest Warren Kenniston Ocean Park Association

Mr. K explained that OP has a tree management problem due to recent storm/s and neglect of 100' trees around the buildings. They lost a portion of a building, and five large trees fell over. Safety concerns, liability issues. Trees are part of OP culture. Association is forming a property subcommittee (aka OP Conservation Committee) to recognize issues that pose a problem, looked with an arborist (Blackstone). Found decay, insect damage, improper pruning leading to rot from center out. Isolated 25 trees, not inside Guild Park (OOB land trust) but there are two of primary concern about a foot from covered bridge, which is part of the land trust. (Guild Park was somewhat cleared recently.) They also need a reforestation program: Take out a tree, replace with two young trees, could be 10' and maybe different species, other than white pine. Need to find a way to pay for work and restoration; people probably will donate.

- Are there identified trees on OOB land trust property? Not yet, except two near footbridge--they focused on trees around buildings.
- We need to get the map cleared up so we know which areas are managed by OOB Con Commission.
- OP Association can apply for a Project Canopy grant. Crane \$1800.00/day.
- Arborist will return soon, as soon as woods are passable.

2. General Updates

Grants: Natural Resources Council of Maine for trail map to be done with Loranger students

Budget: for ET connector under revision; Mark will be away 6 months

Maps

Schedule for utilizing volunteers

3. Good and Welfare

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission