OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2018, 7:00 PM OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Present: Kimbark Smith, Bob Fox, Barry Jackman, Cynthia Nye, Mark Koenigs, guest Dr. Heather Heenehan

Kimbark Smith nominated and voted to continue as chair of Con Comm for 2018.

1. Guest Dr. Heather Heenehan, Visiting Assistant Lecturer, Dept Env Studies, UNE

Heather teaches Intro to Environmental Issues-- almost all students have to take it. Students want to do service projects in spring. Two sections will get credit and be required to do a service project of about 3 hours (30-40 students). A creative presentation/project is required.

Other professors Bethany Woodworth UNE and Christine Fort UNE/Wells Reserve also incorporate a service project in this course.

2. General Updates

MMW: Mark contacted Tom Burns. Handheld GPS data won't transfer; working on it. Mark has walked MMW and OP trails. We need to request permission to mark trails that cross private lands.

OP trails: Barry will meet with TAB COM representative January 20.

Grants: State chose to fund another project :-(

OP Land Trust Validation: Barry met with George Green. Kimbark and Barry met with OP Association regarding 26 properties that need to be validated every year per state requirements. No major infractions; snow prevented walking evaluation. Contacted Warren Kenniston, OP maintenance; OP's primary concern is 70 trees identified by arborist as needing attention. Kim M was on vacation, will look for email from Barry to submit report to state: "no visible changes at this time" (still vacant wooded land and/or marsh).

Mark recommends we ask Mr. Hinterland (Planning Committee) if Tom Burns can help with the mapping so the 26 properties will be color coded in the GIS system.

3. Good and Welfare: Kim M is website admin for town website. People can connect to Con Comm through town website.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm. Submitted by Cynthia Nye