

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, July 09, 2018, 7:00 PM
OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

1. General Updates

New Developments – Cynthia: Bird posters are laminated and ready to be mounted behind plexiglass (already purchased) on the animal shelter exterior wall. Maps are being placed around town and are being taken. Milliken Mills North has been brush-hogged and trimmed. Brush hog needs repair; Cynthia & John will contact Melissa at DPW.

Trail Development- Bob-- Kimbark and Bob will approach the landowner, Mr. Ahearn, about crossing his land to connect the existing turnaround and Milliken Mills “Far North” trails on Portland Ave.

Trail Development - Barry--Ocean Park Ted Wells Trail--new regulations may affect boardwalk plans; Barry and KB will meet with Saco Bay Trails on July 18

Marshes - KB--August 6-10 or 13-17, StanTec will cut phragmites, volunteers will bag, DPW pick up and burn.

KB will have Fred from Stantec contact Cynthia about planting 1000 native seedlings in Anconia Marsh to replace phragmites using dibbles (sticks to poke holes for planting--make them)

No momentum yet on Fish & Wildlife and BioServ long-term collaboration to protect marshes and community. Bob suggests looking into lowering culverts to let more salt water into the high side.

Action Items

- Need someone to give us a tour of East Grand marsh--Cynthia will ask Scott
- Barry will help Bob & KB figure out/manage Facebook
- KB will write minutes for June meeting, Cynthia will add to them
- Zoning Board of Appeals meeting about an easement/variance request on an empty lot that abuts conservation land in Ocean Park--last Monday or Tuesday in August -- should we as a commission give an opinion?
- KB will contact the chair of the Zoning Board to find out how we can get notified and give input

2. Good and Welfare

- Shoreland Protection Ordinance is on the town web page--zoning tool
- Ocean Park FEMA info night tentatively set for August 13; we should have representation there
- Reschedule August Con Comm meeting to August 6
- Trees in Temple complex in Ocean Park still to come down in August, will be replanting
- Ocean Park Con Comm trying to schedule an info night about trees, marsh--with slideshow
- Facebook page--got a political post/comment--Bob took it down and will watch for them

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission