

OOB Con Comm Minutes March 3, 2018
Old Orchard Beach Conservation Commission Agenda
Monday, March 12, 2018, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Kimbark Smithe, chair; Barry Jackman, Cynthia Nye
Guest: Pam Chute, Ocean Park resident

1. General Updates

- a. Grants:
 - i. We have trail maps from Mark!
 - ii. Barry will contact NEBC about putting a kiosk near the Manor Street Trail
 - iii. Kimbark will ask Bob at OOBHS to build a kiosk for Manor Street Trails, pump station later
- b. Budget: instead of funding the genetic testing we did last year, Kimbark is considering hiring an intern from UNE to work for Joe and Melissa at DPW as an environmental investigator to monitor pollution sites and isolate potential causes. Joe is creating a job description. May to August.
- c. How do we update residents who live near the marsh about the investigation? Kimbark or DPW will notify and post.
- d. OP Update: Had one meeting, another in March. Barry has a map that shows marked trees. Arborist is coming to next meeting. Pam spoke about phragmites, and they discussed pollution. Will also discuss beach erosion and flooding. Kimbark suggested having Megan's replacement from Maine Healthy Beaches come to their meeting.
- e. Action Items. Phragmites: Kimbark will contact company that will treat stems. Phragmites must be treated in mid-late August. Leverage camp kids to cut seed heads August 8-10, low tide. Plant native grasses two weeks later--1,000 seedlings.

2. Good and Welfare

- April vacation: UNE students coming to work on trails. High priority to make this work!
- Community event June 16, 11-4. We need to plan and staff a table.
- Goosefare Watershed Committee meeting tomorrow, Kimbark will attend.
- Warren Kenniston has ramps for trails--Ted Wells Trail. Joe is saving boardwalk sections for trails (pressure treated).
- Tree nursery idea (Warren)