

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, May 14, 2018, 7:00 PM
OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Attending: Kimbark Smith, Barry Jackman, Bob Fox, Cynthia Nye

1. General Updates

Cynthia presented a book made by fifth graders to thank Richard Greenlee for visiting their classes to share his Native American knowledge.

Brochure, Project- Cynthia and students have visited four trails and started a draft of the brochure/map. KB will talk to Saco Bay Trails about using part of their map.

Trail Development- Bob: will re-apply for grant this year. UNE student projects went well, 10 students clearing parking lot, 14-16 worked on trail, 12 next day, removed 4 tons of material from trail; some was moved onto trail for later removal

Trail Development - Barry and KB met with Camp representatives; \$10K from Saco Bay Trails to repair Ted Wells Trail; work depends on trail access, storage, people power etc.

Observation platform may have shifted.

Oceanwood Camp--contact them before bringing kids to Ted Wells or Yellow Dot.

Marshes - KB--Slade Gordon & Bill from USF&W (Maine Coastal program now under USF&W) visited to give input and guidance regarding digging, plant removal. Dredging the marsh lowers the level, pulls in freshwater from surrounding area; marsh needs to grow and rise to handle rain, etc.

May change tide gate software settings

NEW science: Rachel Carson has experimented with liquid sugar impact on phragmites.

Changed pH of plots, killed phragmites, didn't affect other species!!!

Goosefare Cleanup-results KB: need photos from Whitney, 8 people & DPW, took out 8 bags of trash, 5+ big truck tires; half-mile off Old Salt Road; recommend trying one weekend later next year; maybe also in the fall

June 16th Event – Imagine, Dream, Believe--11-4 pm

Action Items

- Some roads have been repaved and catch basins raised, stuff removed; need repainting.
- Bob will make a display board for June 16.
- Provide brochure for June 16 event.

2. Good and Welfare

Submitted by Cynthia Nye