

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, Nov 14, 2018, 7:00 PM

OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

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

1. General Updates

Bob went to a Maine Conservation Association meeting at Wells Reserve; they encourage con coms to write ordinances to say that the Planning Board shall give the Con Commission 30 days notice and incorporate input. KB said our ordinance is already written that way but communication doesn't happen. John Bird used to go to PB meetings.

- **KB will ask Kim to put us on the list to receive PB agendas.**
- **Barry will connect with Winthrop Winch** (vice-chair) to request notice of items that might be of interest to Con Com.

Bob went to a Goosefare Brook meeting; it seems that they are waiting on the new budget to plan. Bob reported on our phragmites project and grant receipt.

UNE service day: Students put out markers partway down the Milliken Far North/Northwest Trail (Portland Ave toward Scarborough).

Ted Wells observation platform has been halfway dismantled by Saco Bay Trails. It was built without a permit, didn't meet high tide elevation requirements.

- **Barry will contact Andrew Holbrook** to preserve the sign about marsh birds.

Ocean Park Conservation Association is still waiting for 26 trees to be removed. Conversation began in October about what to plant or grow for replacement.

Phragmites Grant: Plantings in Ancona Marsh have taken well; StanTech completed the final planting in Ancona. (Seventh graders planted 1000 native plants in Ancona Marsh in late September.) We have spent about half the grant money, saving a considerable amount because we had volunteers helping—adults and seventh graders. Next August Stantech will come back, touch up areas that need it. We could clean up another area next year, e.g., back of Randall Marsh, East Grand.

Can we recruit volunteers make the pyramids and tape them, maybe cut before StanTech comes in? Maybe the camp work camp? Four days with two StanTech staff and volunteers to cut, another day to plant. Maybe hire 2 interns in August who would do the work for a stipend.

- **Bob** will contact Dr. Noah Perlut at UNE about intern possibilities.
- **Bob** will check with Wells Reserve about a stipend through Maine Sea Grant.

- **Barry** will connect with work camp staff about volunteers.
- **Kimbark** will talk to Joe at DPW and StanTech about intern possibilities.
- **Cynthia** will ask 6th graders to report on where they found phragmites, along with an HWA data report.
- More volunteer possibilities: Rec Dept adult program; OOBHS football and band, other students who have pre-season and might want to do summer community service

2. Good and Welfare

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission

Minutes recorded by Cynthia Nye