

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, Sept 10, 2018, 7:00 PM
OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Attending: Kimbark Smith, Barry Jackman, Cynthia Nye

1. General Updates

Plans for this coming school year: Grade 6 will look for phragmites. Grade 7 will plant native seedlings in OP marshes. Will probably do Gulf of Maine Research Institute projects to look for hemlock woolly adelgid and invasive crabs. Cynthia will talk to Sarah Wilder grade 3 team about planting wildlife/pollinator garden at MMS for community project in the spring.

Laura Seaver and grade 6 will search for and map phragmites in OOB.

Trail Development- Bob what are we doing with UNE? (added by email 9/11/18) This upcoming weekend I have requested 10 to 15 student volunteers from UNE Community Service Day to do some work at the Milliken Mills N property. Depending on the number of volunteer's, one or two groups will be using cell phone GPS to find and flag approximate north and south property bounds. This will allow the Con Com to keep the proposed trail layout within the property bounds and not infringe on the neighbors. Another student group will wade the brook and record the stream bank conditions with cell phone video looking for evidence of Native American shell middens. The student volunteers are expecting approx. 3 hrs of work. So far I have received no information from UNE as to how many students have volunteered for these projects.

Trail Development – Barry: Ted Wells trail: in summer met with a woman from DEP about the Highest Annual Tide (HAT) line, never had DEP approval for trail or platform. Barry and KB walked with 8-10 kids in early August; strengthened platform and platform fence, added steps; need signs on platform “Pass at your own risk.” Woman from Ocean Park will be a liaison with Oceanwood for Ted Wells and the other camp trails we want access to. Saco Bay Trails--Andrew Holbrook--has proposed and designed a floating platform. Could we use rubber mat instead of rebuilding boardwalk?

Kiosk near sewer treatment plant, yellow dot trail. Barry will get permission, then we will ask Bob Gierie about building at the high school.

OP ConCom – Trees? They are still there. Will start after Labor Day. Shared Cynthia's slides about potential replacement.

Marshes review – KB--Several volunteers helped over several days. Thank you!! Two Stantec workers are responsible for the project.

Barry and Kimbark will ask homeowner permission to plant shrubs on edge of property.

General Question: What do we want to accomplish this next year?

2. Good and Welfare

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission