

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 2017, 7:00 PM

OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Meeting began at 7:05

Present: Kimbark Smith, chair; Bob Fox, Cynthia Nye, Mark Koenigs

1. General Updates

MMW and school connections

- September/October focus for Cynthia, Laura Seaver and grade 6 on Goosefare Brook Watershed Project. Kimbark and Bob will help.
- We will replace the fence around the Googins grave. Kimbark will ask the neighbor at Portland Ave if we can carry in the materials. We will do as a community service project with students.
- Waiting on Richard regarding teepee at Loranger and wigwam in picnic area.
- Mark will walk the north side (area to be developed with new grant) with the GPS to map the trails.

Grants:

- We got the phragmites grant: \$40,000 over two years. Stantec (the company we are partnering with for the work) says we should have cut the phragmites before the seedheads formed. Too late this year. Two treatments: cut them, put on Round-up type herbicide; not sure of order of treatment.
- Bob's grant for recreational trails and two boardwalk crossings of the stream by end of September, state will submit to federal government. Going for \$60-65,000, we put up 20% they provide 80%. Access to ET, owner of property agreeable but we need a survey (part of the grant. Also need to notify wetlands people that we are crossing wetland. Need an archeological survey because of stream crossing.
- Town (using a grant) is taking up beach boardwalks, we can reuse.

FEMA August 23

- New floodplain maps, many different designations but not a lot of change. Mainly, they have formalized the way a business owner or homeowner can protest a designation.

Monthly Reports/Minutes

- Cynthia will send her copies to Kimbark and Kim.

2. Good and Welfare

Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Nye

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission