

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022 7:00 PM

Town Hall

Present: Kimbark Smith, Dawn-Marie Dunbar, Charlie Backus, Cynthia Nye

1. General Updates

Loranger projects

- Goosefare Brook Restoration Project - final phase of town grant - Loranger tennis court erosion mitigation: native pollinator plants being installed on September 15, 2002 by 5th grade students with help from Community Friendly Connection.
- American chestnuts - two seedlings planted, 8 still need to be planted; let Charlie know when students are ready to plant
- Cynthia presented on beach profiling at Beaches Conference June 10, 2022

Mark's project updates - email from Mark read by Dawn-Marie

- Mark worked many hours on stream crossing on Milliken Trails with help from John Fox one afternoon. Piers and logs have been installed.
- Mark checked on the solar farm and Blueberry Plains. Kiosks need to be filled.
- Chainsaw needs gas and blade sharpened.

Kimbark - Ocean Park marsh update

- Ocean Park tide gate is working well
- Kb talked with Chris White (DPW) and Diana (town manager) and others about connections among the 4 marshes, trying to keep capacity up to absorb salt water, increasingly necessary as the climate changes.
- Kimbark reviewed history of tide gate installment and upgrades since 1996
- Very bad year for phragmites, maybe because of drought decreasing water in the marshes; phragmites mitigation will happen fall 2023 (alternating years from Con Com budget)

Beach report - Charlie Backus - lots of red algae, a lot of dogs, more trash than in summer

Piping plover update

- Missy Mans emailed that 8 chicks fledged this summer, up from 5 in 2021.
- New signs have been installed at all beach entrances, with consistent information about the new dog ordinance and prohibition of fireworks

2. Status of Roger Projects

Dawn-Maria waiting on information from UNE artist

Cynthia and Kb will fill out the federal application for endangered species mount.

3. Fall Fest - September 24, 2022

- Trail Maps
- Invasive species - brochures, info sheets, samples, include HWA and beetle info

- American chestnut seedlings, burrs, stamens, info
- Cynthia, Charlie will help prepare
- Kb and Mark will host the booth, Dawn-Marie will help set up
- Photos

4. Good and Welfare

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes by Cynthia Nye

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission