

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday Sept 8, 7:00 PM
Town Hall

Members attending: Kimbark Smith, Mark Koenigs, Charlie Backus, Gina Mannarino, Cynthia Nye

Guest: Janet Anderson

1. Everyone needs to read the annual report draft Mary Pat sent to us.
2. Detailed Plans for FY 26 by Members

Cynthia - Loranger School Projects -

Composting - year 2
Growing Atlantic White Cedar to test for salinity resilience - year 3
Beach profiling - year 13

Mark Koenigs & Kimbark

- OOB Town Manager wants to do a grant for town-developed projects; planning to ask Wright Pierce to cost out the scope of work. Three projects:
 - Trail to access ET in new Ahearn Woods property
 - Boat launch on Mill Pond
 - Kayak launch on Ross Road to access ponds on ocean side
- Note: Milliken Woods South is misnamed; the animal shelter property back to Kapok St is owned by OOB, not gifted by the Milliken family.
- Once awarded, two years to spend the money
- Grant won't be done this year (by September 25) so we'll push that app back a year
- Milliken Mills North side - Mark Tousignant requested that we install a sign acknowledging the Ahearn donation.
- Mark has taken readings for maps but they have to be turned into a layer on the GIS system to make maps of existing trails for Ahearn Woods. The Town GIS system map is incorrect.
- Mark and Kb have also walked and mapped Ocean Park trails.

3. Fall Fling - Charlie will help first session; Gina will help second session
4. Good and Welfare
 - a. Try to get our trails on AllTrails and TrailFinder.
 - b. Gina's interests - make sunblock and bug spray stations available on beach and trails. Supportive of composting and food systems. Loves biology and living things. Could evaluate trails for accessibility.
 - c. Charlie reported that piping plovers have increased in Maine, not on our beach but other places.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Nye, clerk

Kimbark G. Smith, Chair OOB Conservation Commission