

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 19, 2009

Attending: Andrea Berlin (Chair), Randy Sears, Linda Jenkins, Pierre Bouthiller, Jack Sarno, Ginger McMullin

The Commission discussed the 86 acre "Blueberry Plains" property owned by the town. The Commission feels that vehicles should be restricted from the site, and that one solution to the present ATV access may be to have boulders moved in front of the access areas. A cleanup should also be organized to remove trash and debris that has been left here. Andrea is trying to research the deed to see if there are any restrictions that would restrict use.

Another member commented that the land was taken for taxes and that there are no particular restrictions on use. This should be clarified. There are two parcels.

It was suggested that neighbors be approached to help keep an eye on things, and/or that signage be used on trails to help keep the area clean.

The use of a weed-killer herbicide (Roundup) was discussed and approved in the field area of the ballpark.

The potential placement of an anemometer was discussed to explore the feasibility of wind power on town land. If it was to go on school property, it would have to go before the RSU Board and the school has some concerns. The subcommittee may want to explore going back to the ballpark property. Gary Lamb wants to meet with the Conservation Commission on this. If it needs to go to the Planning Board, it would need to be submitted 6 weeks in advance of the meeting.

The Ballpark Subcommittee is also working on the concessions building there. They met with Gary Lamb (OOB Planning Dept) to get the planning process going. A site walk will be done hopefully the last week in September.

The Planning Board will hold a meeting on the proposed marine ordinance at 6 PM this Monday.