

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010 at 7:09 PM
OLD ORCHARD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
40 E EMERSON CUMMINGS BLVD

Meeting Called to Order at 7:09pm

Roll Call: John Bird, Pierre Bouthiller, Mark Koenigs, Jean LeClerc, Renewable Energy Subcommittee member (arrived at 7:45pm). *Absent:* Andrea Berlin, Linda Jenkins, Ginger McMullin, and Randy Sears.

Mr. Bird served as chairman-protem for the meeting. Mr. Koenigs appointed acting secretary for the meeting.

ITEM 1. Discuss Shoreland Zoning – DEP Mandate – Local editing of current ordinance

Discussion: Mr. Bird gave a status update on the Shoreland Zoning ordinance and the meeting he attended at ME DEP with Michael Morse, Gary Lamb and J.T. Lockeman. Absent a revised and compliant Town of OOB Shoreland Zoning Ordinance being adopted by Town of OOB Town Council and accepted by ME DEP, the ME DEP will enforce the minimum standards that are mandated plus any more stringent standards the Town of OOB already has in our current ordinances with respect to Shoreland Zones.

ITEM 2. Install of exhibit rain garden at Veteran's Memorial Park on June 19, 2010.

Discussion: Item was tabled. Andrea's item. No others had comments.

ITEM 3. Discuss selecting new officers final vote to be in July after Council workshop.

Discussion: Attending members discussed their ideas and suggestions on new officers. Mr. Bird noted that there was not going to be a Council workshop prior our July meeting. We agreed that more members should be present in order to complete selecting new officers and holding a vote. Item continued on next month's agenda. Suggestions: Ms. McMullin should be asked and nominated for Chair position, and John Bird for Vice Chair.

Item 4 Good and Welfare.

Renewable/Conservation Energy Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Bouthiller gave a report on the installation of the anemometer tower. A DVD documenting the installation of the anemometer tower and interviews of key participants

in the grant process and on-going wind energy study is in progress. Attendees agreed OOB Conservation Commissioners will send a Thank you note to CMP's Alfred Service Center for supplying the yellow high visibility guy wire covers. Thanks goes to Denis Lajoie, John Valliere, and Milisa Conner at CMP's Alfred Service Center, 438 Sanford Road, Alfred, ME 04002 Ph# (207) 490-3064. Also a thank you note will be sent to Jim at OOB's Dept. of Public Works who made and donated a safety enclosure/anti-climbing cover for the tower base. The safety enclosure/anti-climbing cover can be donated to Energy Maine the grantor/owner of the anemometer tower for future installations.

Mr. Leclerc gave his report on the status of the anemometer tower's preliminary data readings. The tower was erected in mid May and starting recording wind data on May 14th. Mr. Leclerc explained how the data can be downloaded in various formats for review and analysis. Wind speeds in the later part of most days ranged from 4 – 8 m/s at the 30 meter high anemometer. Good news for the start of initial data readings.

Discussed integration of the wind study with the OOB schools and RSU 23, key people to contact are Rick Defussco, OOB HS Principal; Mike Askov, Technical Education; and Charlie Anton, Science. Mr. Leclerc and Mr. Bouthiller are to contact school representatives to start the interaction, dialogue, and follow-up on educational opportunities the anemometer tower's wind data can provide to all.

Communication with entire OOB community needs to be open and transparent, and must start now. Mr. Bouthiller will be completing the informational DVD production on the anemometer tower wind study. The DVD will be made available for viewing on the OOB public access channel.

Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Mark Koenigs _____

Mark Koenigs, Acting Secretary

(Approved on 7/29/10 vote)