

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2010 at 7:10 PM  
OLD ORCHARD BEACH TOWN HALL

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10pm

Roll Call: Ginger McMullin, John Bird, Linda Jenkins, Mark Koenigs, *Absent*: Pierre Bouthiller

Started with Agenda item #3:

ITEM 3: Election of secretary or division of secretarial duties

Chair McMullin reported that Con Com funds would have to be expended if Town employee time was used to record meeting minutes. All agreed that a member of Con Com would keep and record the Con Com meeting minutes. Discussed and agreed that the Con Com would comply with the submittal requirements of our minutes to the best of our abilities. Mr. Koenigs volunteered to take the minutes and another member will need to take the minutes in his absence. Draft minutes to be submitted for review to the Con Com and to the Town Clerk within 7 days of a meeting. The final accepted minutes will be submitted to the Town Clerk once the Con Com has voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

ITEM 1: Review and approve minutes of July 29, 2010.

Ms. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Bird seconded. Vote was unanimous, 4-0 to approve the minutes of 7/29/10.

ITEM 2: Administrative: new members, subcommittees

Mr. Koenigs and Mr. Bouthiller have been appointed by Town Council as Con Com regular members. Mr. Sears resignation is official. There are now two alternate member vacancies. Con Com alternate positions to be posted on Town website seeking volunteers.

Subcommittee status reviewed:

1. Environmental Subcommittee – agreed unanimously that environmental items, tasks and projects would be worked on by the entire Con Com, therefore the subcommittee is no longer needed for separate meetings.
2. 50 Acre Wood Subcommittee – Has been dissolved. The Ball Park Commission has the responsibility of the Town owned ball park property.
3. Energy Conservation (Renewable Energy) Subcommittee – Discussed the need for this subcommittee. This subcommittee is responsible for the wind study grant;

an ongoing project. Agreed to discuss at next meeting when all Con Com subcommittee members are present. Members are Mr. Koenigs, chair; Mr. Bouthiller; and Jean LeClerc, citizen subcommittee member.

4. Veteran's Memorial Park Subcommittee – Ms. McMullin shared email correspondence regarding this subcommittee that had input from the subcommittee members and Andrea Berlin, subcommittee chair. Agreed to have Chair invite subcommittee to our next Con Com meeting with agenda item to cover the future of the subcommittee.

Overall the Con Com members present would like to focus our energy and time on the Con Com on duties and our projects; see Item 6 below.

ITEM 4: Conservation Commission budget status.

Majority of the budget was the Veteran's Memorial Park which has been passed onto the DPW for maintenance of the Park by the Town Council. Chair to check with Jill Eastman on the financial/budget status of the Con Com.

ITEM 5: Continuation of membership in Maine Assoc. of Conservation Commissions

Mr. Bird made a motion to continue membership in MACC, and Ms. Jenkins seconded. Vote passed 4-0.

ITEM 6: Discussion of Conservation Commission duties and projects

- a. Request from Town Planner for oversight of beach profiling – Beach profiling was described as a long term study which uses volunteers to collect beach profile data. Chair was asked by Mr. Lamb if Con Com had any interest in it. Questions: Who is the data and study for; its purpose? Why Con Com for oversight of beach profiling volunteers? Sounds like *Sea Level Adaptation Working Group (SLAWG)*. How many volunteers are needed? Are there already volunteers in OOB? Chair will ask more details from Mr. Lamb.
- b. Review list of duties at bottom of agenda. Con Com agreed that cataloging and index the natural resources in Town should be high on our task/project list. Next meeting's agenda item – Review the list of Town open space for indexing. Discussed the idea of conducting field/site walks as a group.

ITEM 7: Discussion of Town application for Coastal Sand Dune permit and Walnut Street dredging

Chair explained the item as current Town projects by DPW. She noted that the current plan by DPW is to replace dune access boardwalks slowly and steadily. There is no deadline for replacements. The Walnut Street dredging is for maintenance of the Little River channel from vegetation and is currently being pursued by the Town. In previous years, the maintenance of the channel was done by Inland Fisheries and Wildlife department using a special piece of equipment. It seems the “dredging” is for public

perception. The waterway is restricted further down gradient, and there is little environmental improvement from the channel maintenance. If the maintenance work is done using conventional equipment there could be some environmental impact that should be taken into consideration. State agencies have jurisdiction and permit authority of the Walnut Street maintenance work. Con Com wants to be kept informed about DPW projects, gather information and lessons learned regarding the Town's natural resources and completed projects. *Ms. McMullin noted that Bill Robertson, Director of Public Works, had offered to provide Con Com/Chair copies of permit information via permit applications, and permits received on upcoming town projects.*

ITEM 8: Discussion of Conservation Commission position on proposed revisions to Shoreland Zoning ordinance.

Discussed the topic of the revision to Shoreland Zoning ordinance at length for about 45 minutes. Con Com has no further recommendations on the Shoreland Zoning ordinance. There appears to be further revisions to the proposed SLZ ordinance following legal review and planning department edits. Planning Board will begin to hold public hearing which may begin on September 23, 2010 following a vote during their September 2, 2010 workshop according to public notice issued by Town.

ITEM 9 Other business:

Ms. Jenkins reported on her attendance of the Ball Park Commission meeting and their current projects and planning of future use of the Ball Park property. Ball Park Commission meetings are schedule regularly and the next meeting is Wednesday, 8/25/10, at the Ball Park Club House all the public is welcome.

Ms. Jenkins reported on the skate park project by the Recreation Department. There is very energetic and enthusiastic group of young skate boarders working on the project. The skate park group has some very creative ideas and the Recreation Dept/skate park group is seeking a piece of Town owned property for the new permanent home for the skate park. A presentation is going to be made at the next Ball Park Commission meeting.

Adjourned at 9:28 pm.

*Mark Koenigs*

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Mark Koenigs, Con Com Member  
(Approved on 9/13/10 vote with  
*amendments*)