

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM  
POLICE STATION – DANA M. KELLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 pm

Member Roll Call: Ginger McMullin, John Bird, Linda Jenkins, Patricia Holland, Mark Koenigs Absent: Pierre Bouthiller

ITEM 1. Approval of minutes

Reviewed the August 8, 2011 meeting minutes. Ms. Jenkins moved to accept, Ms. McMullin seconded. Approved unanimously, 5-0.

ITEM 2. Open Space/Trails

Ms. McMullin talked to Patti Brodeur, Saco Bay Trails, about our interest in learning about trails and invited her to our next meeting. Ms. Brodeur is going to discuss with her Saco Bay Trails larger group about doing a meeting with us. She is planning on attending our October meeting.

We reviewed possible trail routes to discuss with Saco Bay Trails. We sketched green lines on our open spaces map to locate potential trail routes. One was a possible trail from the Portland Ave. Town owned open space property through Homewood subdivision using the right-of-way of the existing paper streets to Cascade Road to Dunegrass to School Street extension right-of-way to down town OOB. We also discussed potential routes to connect the Blueberry Plains property to School Street extension right-of-way and to Eastern Trail.

Agreed we should make a site visit to review the Town owned property on Portland Avenue. Set the site tour date as October 8, 2011 at 9:00 am.

ITEM 3. Town Projects Update

Ms. McMullin talked with Bill Robertson, DPW Director, regarding on-going and planned upcoming DPW projects. The major project covered was the West Grand Project that involved sewer and stormwater upgrades, and flood control measures. Mr. Bird explained the tide gate protocol that is to be followed by DPW. In November, DPW is planning to replace crushed culverts on Free Street in Ocean Park. DPW crew is finishing a retention pond on Smithwheel Road at the 90 degree bend. DPW is planning to replant some dune grass. Work on Ross Road north section to Cascade Road will be started later in the fall.

ITEM 4. Other business

Mr. Bird reported that on Goosefare Brook some interesting warning signs were posted during the summer. They were due to coliform bacteria hits (high readings) which typically indicate presence of fecal matter and other pathogens. The source was tracked back up stream to Bear

Brook and the Bear Brook pumping station in Saco located off Cumberland Street and beyond. Unclear if the pump station is by-passing combined sewer during storm peak flow or if there is another problem with pump station. Sarah Mosley, Maine Healthy Beaches Program at ME DEP, is the contact person for the on-going investigation.

The Ocean Park Association (OPA) has asked the ME DEP to check OOB's use and management of Jordan Marsh for stormwater retention by way of their operation practices of the tide gate. Jordan Marsh is OPA's property and they have not given their consent or been asked to use the Jordan Marsh as a stormwater retention area.

Ms. Jenkins presented that OOB 365 has expressed an interest in holding a blueberry pancake breakfast sometime as a fund raising event. The pancake breakfast could be a fund raiser for Conservation Commission and the Blueberry Plains. Agenda item for one of our upcoming meetings.

Next meeting October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day) – 7:00 PM, location to be determined

Ms. Jenkins motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

*Mark Koenigs*

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Mark Koenigs, Secretary  
( Approved on 10/10/11)