

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM  
OOB HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm

Member Roll Call: Ginger McMullin, John Bird, Patricia Holland, and Mark Koenigs.

Absent: Linda Jenkins, Pierre Bouthiller

Guest: Alan Graves, Ballpark Commissioner

Note Public is welcome to attend and participate in the Conservation Commission meetings at the pleasure of the Chair. People interested in volunteering on developing and constructing recreational trails in OOB are encouraged to contact the Chair McMullin or other members.

Chair opened the meeting by asking that we start with Item 4. As our guest, Mr. Alan Graves, would like to speak on the item and then return to the Ballpark commission meeting.

ITEM 4. OOB/ET Connector trail progress – Ballpark connection

Discussed the Ballpark Commission's desire to add a second egress road right-of-way (R.O.W.) into the Ballpark property with required R.O.W. width that would allow for a walking/bike path with the entrance road. Mr. Graves presented the Ballpark commission's and his ideas to the Conservation Commission regarding the location and routing of a proposed R.O.W. north of the existing fence line along the high school athletic fields north of the high school. The proposed access would connect Dirigo Drive to the Ballpark parking lot area on the north east side; north of the retention pond and south of the existing community garden.

Chair McMullin proposed that the Con Com and Ballpark Commission make a joint site walk of the Ballpark property and adjacent Town owned properties.

Mr. Bird has mentioned the proposed ET connector trail under Good and Welfare to the Town Council to give them a heads up regarding our interest developing an east to west trail across town. Councilor Dayton mentioned connecting to the Ballpark property to Mr. Bird. Chair McMullin had talked to the Town Planner, Jeffery Hinderliter about the trail and got his suggestions. Per Chair's discussion, the Chair of the Town Council, Mr. Quinn, has put the Conservation Commission on the March 20, 2012 Town Council agenda at the beginning of the meeting under Presentations. Con Com will also prepare a letter to the abutters after the presentation to invite them to a public workshop on the proposed connector trail routing and ideas.

Mr. Graves provided the Con Com his contact information to reach him.

ITEM 1. Discuss of funding for bicycle safety brochure

No discussion. Item was tabled –as there was no draft of the brochure to review and neither Trish Driscoll nor Helene Whitaker was available for discussion.

## ITEM 2. Approval of February Minutes

Review of the meeting minutes for February. Chair made motion to accept and Ms. Holland seconded. Members voted 4-0 to approve with Mr. Bird's comment to add "separate" to modify line item in D.P.W. budget under ITEM 4 July 2012-July 2013 budget.

## ITEM 3. Subcommittees: Memorial Park

Ms. Holland presented the Memorial Park subcommittee report. American Legion wants to donate funds for a small memorial wall for plaques. Subcommittee members are drafting a mission statement for use with grant applications. National Guard is interested in supporting projects in Memorial Park. Dennis Robillard has researched the cost for new monuments with Provost Monuments. The subcommittee is still working on fundraising ideas; photos for post cards. Mary Beth Robillard, subcommittee chair, is meeting with American Legion to coordinate projects. May 27<sup>th</sup> is Illumination Night in Memorial Park.

## ITEM 4. OOB/ET Connector trail progress – Ballpark connection

Continued discussion: Chair explained that Jeffery Hinderliter suggested the Con Com hold a workshop to cover the proposed connector trail and research the school street extension and CMPCo easement. Mr. Koenigs to provide Chair with contact info at CMPCo's engineer's office. Con Com plans on setting a workshop for the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 or the following week. A notification letter shall be mailed out to abutter by 3/27/12 (for a 4/10/12 meeting) and sent to the newspapers for legal notice printing. Chair will draft a notice letter.

Discussed sources for signs provided by DPW. Mr. Bird suggested signs on our trail should and may need to meet the Eastern Trail standards for signage especially near the ET access. Mr. Koenigs will provide examples of the ET plans for the Con Com members to review.

## ITEM 5. Draft letter to residents on trail

Discussed the draft letter to residents regarding the proposed trail. It is the same letter as the abutter's notice letter mentioned in Item 4 above. Based on our discussion, Chair McMullin will draft a letter and will submit the draft to members by email for review and acceptance.

## ITEM 6. Wetlands inventory info for RFP

Chair presented Mr. Bird with the task of drafting an RFP for the wetlands inventory. Mr. Bird accepted. We discussed the scope of work and the deliverables for the wetland inventory. We noted that the existing wetlands inventory, the Woodlots Alternatives, Inc. report, is an appendix of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Bird will check with Mr. Hinderliter to see if the Comprehensive Plan Committee has plans to update the wetlands inventory report and if our efforts should be coordinated. Vernal pools will not be included due to timing issues. A vernal pool study could be proposed as an option by technically qualified respondents/vendors.

ITEM 7. Other Business

No other business.

Next meeting April 9, 2012 – 7:00 PM, OOB High School Library

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

*Mark Koenigs*

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Mark Koenigs, Secretary  
(Approved on 5/14/12)

Secretary's Note: Conservation Commission attended the Town Council's DPW budget workshop on April 9, 2012 at Town Hall. A Conservation Commission Meeting was not held on April 9, 2012.