

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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, Linda Jenkins and Mark Koenigs. Absent: Pierre Bouthiller

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 Mark Koenigs.

ITEM 1. Discuss of funding for bicycle safety brochure

Trish Discoll informed Chair McMullin she was sick and could not attend. Draft of bicycle safety brochure is not available for review. Ms. Jenkins made a motion to donate \$200 for printing the bicycle safety tri-fold brochures with OOB Con Com logo on support byline. Mr. Koenigs seconded. Members discussed the donation amount and our available budgetary funds for printing educational materials. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

ITEM 2. Approval of December 2011 and January 2012 Minutes

December minutes approved 5-0 as written and submitted for approval.

January minutes approved 5-0 as submitted for approval. If there are any typo/corrections please send to Mr. Koenigs in the next week.

ITEM 3. Election of 2012 officers

Ms. Jenkins made a motion to elect current Chair McMullin, Vice Chair Bird and Secretary Mr. Koenigs as last year. Mr. Bird seconded. Discussion with nominees to confirm their willingness to serve in their nominated capacity. Vote of officers passed 5-0.

Mr. Bird noted that the new Town of OOB charter required that the meeting minutes need to be submitted as a draft within seven (7) days following the meeting of the Conservation Commission and the approved meeting minutes also need to be submitted seven (7) days following approval by vote of the Commission.

(After meeting note: Secretary Koenigs received email reminder email from Town Clerk regarding the modifications required by the new Charter that will take effect July 1, 2012.)

ITEM 4. July 2012 – July 2013 budget

Chair McMullin reviewed her meeting with Bill Robinson, DPW Director, regarding next year's Conservation Commission budget. Submitting the budget for FY 2012 of \$3,400.00;

an increase of \$400.00. Break down Dues - \$200, Conf./Education -\$200, Mailings, publication, signs - \$500, Wetlands inventory - \$2500.00. Memorial Park budget is a separate line item in D.P.W. budget.

Discussed wetland mapping update (Inventory) – vernal pools to be included but requires timing.

Ms. Jenkins made a motion to accept the budget as presented by Chair McMullin. Ms. Holland seconded. Discussion. Motion was withdrawn.

Ms Jenkins made a motion to issue a RFP for wetland inventory survey and report. Mr. Bird seconded. Discussed and vote passed 5-0.

Ms Jenkins made a motion to accept the budget as presented by Chair McMullin. Ms. Holland seconded. Vote passed 5-0.

ITEM 5. OOB/ET Connector trail progress

Chair McMullin updated us on her meeting with Bill Robinson regarding the Connector trail idea and route we were planning. Mr. Robinson seemed very receptive, supportive of the trail construction and providing DPW resources when approved by Town Council.

Chair McMullin will present our initiative of promoting an OOB/ET connector trail to the new Town Manager and Town Council Chair Bob Quinn to inform them and solicit their input and support. The Town Planner will also be contacted to review whether or not Planning Board approval will be needed.

ITEM 6. Portland Road property deed

Chair McMullin and Mr. Bird gave an update on the research on the property deeds. Mr. Bird presented a copy of the deed for the Blue Berry Plains property – a lien; tax collector’s lien certificate. He also researched the property near Eastern Trail – Burke’s & Warren property that is now the State of Maine Land in OOB; 30.5 acres. This is the property that an easement is needed to develop a spur trail from the Eastern Trail to Cascade Falls’ trails.

Chair McMullin will scan the deed/lien documents for the Con Com archives and future use.

Members discussed the proposed sketch plan of the 42 lot cluster development off Portland Ave. Proposed development is between the Homewood subdivision, Portland Avenue, Milliken Mills Pond and the OOB K-9 Training Center property.

ITEM 7. OOB Conservation Easements

Chair McMullin presented the existing Conservation Easements in OOB. There are 26 parcels in OOB with conservation easements that the Town owns and must be keep active by signing a form submitted to the State of Maine. (BK 8204 pg 131 3/28/97). Members discussed what was a conservation easement and where they are located in OOB; Ocean Park.

ITEM 8. Forestry Proposal

Reviewed and discussed the forester's proposal received by DPW Director. Chair will talk to David Parker, Forester, to get his input and to see if he'll visit one of our meetings to educate us on managing our forested OOB Town properties. Also a possibility for our tree warden.

ITEM 9. Invasive plant grant application

Dead line for applications is coming due soon. Email from Maine Con Com Association. Amount of Grant is \$500 with a maximum of \$2000.00 to be granted.

ITEM 10. Other business

MDOT trail grant proposals are due July 20, 2012. MDOT website – Enhancement.org, coordinator is Dan Stuart, MDOT. Grant requirement is 20% matching funds from community.

Earth Day 4/22/12 was discussed. Mr. Bird presented an idea for T-shirts. Orders deadline 2/23/12. No action taken.

Next meeting March 12, 2012 – 7:00 PM, OOB High School Library

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

Mark Koenigs

Mark Koenigs, Secretary
(Approved on 3/12/12)