

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM
OOB HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 pm

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

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

ITEM 1. Approval of Minutes

Reviewed the meeting minutes from May 14, 2012 meeting. Chair McMullin motioned to accept the minutes with amendments/corrections noted and Mr. Bouthiller seconded. Members voted 5-0 to approve.

Item 2. OOB - ET Connector Trail grants request/formation of subcommittee

Trail update by Chair McMullin. Chair McMullin and John Bird met with Jeffrey Hinderliter to discuss the trail development. Chair talked to Dan Stuart, MEDOT to set-up meeting next week for trail grant; up to \$250,000. Need a preliminary plan with grant application.

Chair McMullin met with Dune Grass Association president two weeks ago. Chair McMullin reviewed the proposed connector trail route. The Dune Grass Association is generally in favor of the plan as presented. Another public workshop meeting will be held to allow those that missed the first meeting to hear the proposed trail presentation and to get more input for the abutters and neighbors with interest and concerns.

ITEM 3. Wetlands RFP

John Bird met with three (3) vendors that are interested in the Wetlands study RFP. Two (2) persons purchased old wetland study documents.

Discussed cost estimate. Our rough estimate is \$5,000. max.; all of our budget for FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13.

Mr. Bouthiller made a motion that the Conservation Commission authorizes John Bird to evaluate the proposals and make a vendor selection with Bill Robertson and Town Manager. Chair McMullin seconded. Discussion time is of the essence to make an award before the end

of this fiscal year. John Bird is the most knowledgeable member and is capable of making sure the vendors cover the scope of the Wetlands RFQ in their proposal. A contract will be issued OOB DPW and signed by Town Manager once John selects a vendor. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 4. Other business

Discussed Buffy MS Grant – International Cultural Exchange – volunteer work on trails – School Street Ext. and clean-up First Street on June 20th to 21st; 1 ton truck from DPW to pick-up debris/bags. Also possible volunteer work at the community garden, Mr. will check with community garden committee and coordinate.

Discussed the formation of a Trail Subcommittee. Chair to ask Jim Bucar – ET board member and OOB resident if he would be on the Subcommittee. We will need a Trail Subcommittee Chair. Priority is the possible MEDOT grant – Design & Construction. Subcommittee will be separate meetings. Discussed number of people – as many as want to join. Commitment time frame 12 to 18 months for design with grant in 2013, finalize plan in 2014 and construction in 2015. To get subcommittee members we discussed advertising on Channel 3, community new letter, and flyer for Christopher Cash Race.

Discussed Kristen Poirer – Wetland analysis of Jordan Marsh evasive species.

Discussed proposal for firework in the Ballpark by others – Mr. Gallo, Raging Tide – 6/7/12 – Fireworks.

Next meeting July 9, 2012 – 7:00 PM, Location To Be Determined

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Mark Koenigs, Secretary
(For Approval on 8/12/12)