

OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:00 PM
OOB Town Hall, Council Chambers

Further details are available at:

http://www.townhallstreams.com/locations/old-orchard-beach-me/events/31809/oob_council_chambers

Present were: John Bird, Kimbark Smith, Eileen Pacquette, Peter Hornby
and guests: John Andrews, Jim Bucar, Carole Brush, Rich Litwin, Cynthia Nye, Mark Koenigs

1. Park North connection to ET from Saco - John Andrews, John Bird, Richard Greenlee, Carole Brush, Valdine Camire, Jim Bucar, Andrew Holbrook, Mark Koenigs, Cynthia, John & Sam Nye, Mrs C. D. Armstrong and Peter Hornby.

Plans, and pictures, etc. of the site and the site walk in which the above named people participated, were displayed and discussed. But it was decided not to pursue looking into the project further without more guidance from the developer, Elliot Chamberlain of Chamberlain Homes.

2. Pond cleanup off ET - OOB trail near School St. (Echo Ave.)

Rich Litwin, an abutter to a pond that is off of ET - OOB trail near School St. had a complaint about the use of the area. Young people congregate there and have loud parties and throw things into the pond. The mosquitoes are also very bad. It needs to be cleaned up.

1. Mark Koenigs suggested that the summer police bicycle cops patrol the area sporadically. He will talk to the PD.

Peter Hornby suggested playing opera music as a deterrent to the young people.

2. Neighborhood volunteers suggested for a clean-up along the trail in conjunction with an advertised clean-up day. Rich Litwin to coordinate.

3. Check with DPW about draining the pond and dredging it.

4. Solutions for mosquito control suggested were "mosquito doughnuts", air-___? (Smith), or dragonflies (Nye). Kimbark Smith to look into this.

Is Town maintenance of this pond a responsibility under the state MS4 requirements?
Mark Koenigs will add this to the ET - OOB trail DPW to-do list.

Paradise Park camping area might be interested in helping.

Stormwater Runoff pamphlet was produced and noted.

OOB Chamber of Commerce booklet mention of the Eastern Trail noted.

3. Old Growth Tree Cutting Problems - John Bird, Peter Hornby

Mystery on Ocean Park & Milliken Mills Road tree cuttings.

Pictures. Email, Ocean Park Conservation Society Reward poster, arrogance of CMP & Lucas Tree in not cleaning up noted.

Further details available on the video site and archived DVD (~43 min).

4. Subcommittee updates

4.C. Milliken Mill Woods Project & School Sign information (taken up out of order) - Kimbark Smith & Cynthia Nye

Cynthia Nye showed an example of a small nature sign (2 x 8.5x11") and post developed by the school (Bob Giere). Further details available on the video site and DVD (~ 55 min). Cost ~ \$195 for ten. Kimbark & Cynthia to get together on content over April school vacation. Benches are also being constructed.

Milliken Mill Woods "kiosks" are painted and roofed. Now they need content. Sign information is to be worked by Kimbark Smith, Cynthia Nye, Mark Koenigs, & Ginger McMullen (maps) NWF signs are in.

Further plans for Spring and for the animal shelter area to be developed - Kimbark Smith. Town needs to do crossing striping.

Survey re: Kapok St. property - John Bird - Survey is in - Good news. Town property verified. - Survey sheet displayed.

Indian Display – basically tabled; Richard Greenlee not present.

Woodland Indians Teaching Manual – 1 ordered

B. ET - OOB Trail

Sign information - Update of signs needed to be done by Kimbark Smith. List of tasks for DPW to do before Opening has been compiled by Mark Koenigs

5. Goosefare Pollution Update - John Bird

The Saco – OOB study Group is working on a draft of their report; Blueberry Plains noted.

Dunkin' Doughnuts - basically passed; some modifications still being worked. Actual implementation will probably be delayed for a while due to required road design, bid & work. Maybe next year.

Pollution Testing Funding – Town Manager is for it.

6. Maine Land Conservation Conference - April 22nd and 23rd in Topsham at the Mt. Ararat Middle School and Orion Performing Arts Center

Attendees to be John Bird, Peter Hornby, and possibly Richard Greenlee

7. Coastal Communities Grants

The grants are available for municipal and regional projects in Maine's Coastal Zone. This is a planning assistance program only. Funds may be used for planning, development of regulatory and non-regulatory policies and programs, project implementation, outreach and education.

This opportunity was referred to us by at least four people for which we thank them, however, it was decided that since there was such a short deadline (due Thursday, May 12, 2016.) and we have nothing ready, we would have to wait for another year, at least.

8. FY17 Plans & Budget - tabled waiting for budget process.

Kayak set-ins **Tabled**

Invasive Species Survey **Tabled**

9. Minutes? How? - Cynthia? Tabled – Cynthia had left.

4. A. Veteran's Memorial Park (VMP) Sub-committee – John Bird

They are getting into gear; going to have Luminary Nite - May 29 – 5p-10p.

They are working on getting Ornaments for sale / producing a Logo and Flag / re-design of the Monument and doing Fundraising. Tennis courts are being re-done.

Two of six Book Boxes are being placed in VMP by a Boy Scout and the Rotary
– Worries about maintenance and vandalism expressed.

No security cameras to be available this summer.

Further details available on the video site and archived DVD (~1:32 min).

7. Presentation Preparations -

OOB Wetlands Study – John Bird – not ready; need to work on presentation.

Milliken Mill Woods Forestry Report – Kimbark Smith to coordinate with Louise Reid for a presentation to the Town Council by the forester, David Parker .

Eastern Trail - OOB Trail Opening - Mark Koenigs.

Milliken Mill Woods Nature Area Opening - – Kimbark Smith; Beginning of July.

8. Other Business

Window dressers – Discussion about group providing interior storm windows as a project; to be looked into for sponsorship next fall.

9. Good & Welfare

Facebook discussed.

Peter Hornby to provide photos.

Web site tie-in with the Memorial Park requested - 3 modifications to be made to the Town Hall site.

Adjourned.

John R. Bird, Chair, OOB Conservation Commission