

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM
OOB HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Meeting Called to Order at 7:15 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.

Reviewed the meeting minutes from March 12, 2012 meeting. Mr. Bird motioned to accept the minute with the correct spelling of Dirigo Drive. Chair McMullin seconded. Members voted 4-0 to approve. There was no April meeting. Conservation Commission members attended the Town Council Workshop on April 9, 2012 for DPW that covers the OOB Conservation Commission budget line item(s).

ITEM 1. OOB/ET Connector Trail. Things to be done:

- a. Confirm ownership, CMP easement, sewer easement.

School Street deeds researched by Mr. Bird was presented and discussed. Copies of the deeds as recorded at the Registry were distributed for review and to be saved in the Conservation Commission project documents by the Secretary. School Street Extension (Public Way) was transferred to the Town of Old Orchard Beach by a quitclaim deed registered in BK 4181 PG 239 and references Plan Book 118, Page 10 and Page 11, and abuts property owned by the Grantors, Ronald A. Patoine and Blanche Patoine, which they acquired by deed from Pioneer Developers, Inc. to the Grantors, dated January 5, 1985 and recorded in said registry in Book 3446, Page 328. We have confirmed that the Town of Old Orchard Beach owns the Public Way recorded and known as "SCHOOL STREET EXTENSION". School Street is a 50' wide R.O.W for more or less six hundred (600'), and School Street Extension is 40' wide in each and every part, or such width as is shown on the plan of the William heirs, and reserved thereon as a way for the use of abutters and others.

- b. Look at need for signage.

Design Con Com minimum signage. Signage needed at the following locations minimum:

1. Beginning point at Eastern Trail – Trail Begins/Ends
2. Pond View Road and Ross Road intersection – Left Turn

3. Ross Road and Wild Dunes Way intersection – Right Turn and a crosswalk
4. Wild Dunes Way and Dirigo Road and School Street Extension – directional signage and a crosswalk
5. School Street and Saco Avenue intersection – Left Turn
6. Saco Avenue and Staples Street intersection – Right Turn (existing cross walk)
7. Staples Street and First Avenue (Memorial Park Entrance) – Trail Ends/Begins

c. Construction work and costs for this year

Chair talked to Bill Robertson, OOB DPW Director. Mr. Robertson plans rough clear, graded and install asphalt grinding reclaim material on School Street Extension in 3 to 4 weeks. Trail section from the end of School Street to Dirigo Drive will be roughed in over the current sand/gravel trail and not final. No costs were discussed other than signage.

d. Grant Information

Discussed letter of intent for Maine DOT grant for trails. 2014 funds are available for design and construction. Design is a requirement.

ITEM 2. RFP for Wetlands study

Reviewed draft of the RFP and edited it. John Bird to complete revision and send to Chair for discussion with Bill Robertson and Town Manager to get approval. Plan is to send it out for proposals with legal advertisement by May 19, 2012. Goal is to get proposal and select vendor before end of fiscal year.

ITEM 3. Other business

Mr. Bird gave an update on management forms from Maine Land Trust Conference. A winter project: inventory of our properties.

Hazardous waste day – Public handouts. Mr. Koenigs shared the handouts, Stop the Asian Longhorned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer and Yardscaping – Conservation District – www.cumberlandswcd.org, for others to review for their information.

Memorial Park update was given by Pat Holland. There was a meeting at Memorial Park at 6:30 pm tonight with new Town Manager, Andrea Berlin and other subcommittee members. There is not going to be a gardener this year for the Park. Defined Lines is mowing the Park. Two employees from the Wastewater Treatment Facility will be taking care of the Park's gardens and flower beds. There will be a sitewalk by the Town Manager with potential new tenant in AZ Store building. The potential new business is seeking easement access on to the Memorial Park Land for large delivery trucks to access and make deliveries to the back of the building.

Mr. Koenigs shared submitted plan information on two projects currently being heard by the Planning Board; The Skate Board Park at the Ball Park, and Beaumont Subdivision on Portland Avenue near the Town owned property with the K-9 training facility (kennels).

Next meeting June 8, 2012 – 7:00 PM, OOB High School Library

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Mark Koenigs

Mark Koenigs, Secretary
(Approved on 6/8/12)