

Minutes from the Owls Head Conservation Commission meeting held on 6/4/2018.

Members Present: Kathryn DerMarderosian, Jeanne Johnson, Dick Matlack and Jim Devery were present. Stuart Rich, Kelly Bell and Catherine Wiejaczka were also present. The meeting was held at the Town Offices on Ash Point Drive and began at 6:30 p.m.

Plaisted Preserve. Kathryn will check with the George River Land Trust about the cost of a new sign since the other one has not shown up.

Buckminster Property Update –Stuart has been working on compiling a data base for donors of the project. Kathryn has also been in contact with Ed Glover’s family in regards to the status of the property. She was able to get some contact information for the owner of the property from the family. Kathryn has sent him an email and hopes to receive a response before we send out the grant to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. The due date for the grant is June 30th.

Website- The group discussed the possibility of having our own website specifically for the conservation commission separate from the town’s since there doesn’t seem to be any room for additional pages to be added. The town secretary offered to have a link put up on the town’s site to our website. Jim asked about what we were willing to spend each month on hosting, etc. That would determine how involved the site would be. Jeanne expressed concern about the commitment of people putting information on the site on a timely basis. Kelly will contact area conservation commissions to see how they host their sites and bring that back to the next meeting.

Fundraising Ideas: Kathryn talked about having a yard sale at her house on Main Street in the Village to raise some funds for the Con Com on June 23rd. We will begin to seek donations and if anyone can help to setup and price items that would be most helpful. She also wants to have a bake table and coffee.

The barbeque dinner is scheduled for August 25th at the community building. Deena Carrafelli is going to organize it. Some of the proceeds for the event would be donated to the conservation commission. She would be seeking volunteers from our group to help at the event. Kathryn will ask Deena if she would like to attend our next meeting.

We are also planning to have a table during the George River Land Trust’s garden tour in July. If anyone wants to volunteer to help staff the table, let Kathryn know. She will not be available that day, but has offered her yard as a location if there isn’t room on Doug’s property or if the store reopens by then. Catherine Wiejaczka volunteered to help put the table together.

Meeting format and summer meeting schedule – After a lengthy discussion it was decided to keep meetings during the summer months. Kathryn suggested having a new format where the

facilitator would change each month. That would allow everyone to run at least one meeting and divide up the responsibilities. We would also have a scribe and a time keeper at each meeting to keep up on topic and not allow the meetings to run late. There would be a two week cut off for agenda items sent to the facilitator. From that list, they would develop an agenda for the upcoming meeting. There would be a new business agenda item in case anything of interest to the commission came up after the deadline. Jim volunteered to facilitate the next meeting on July 2nd. Please send any agenda items to him by June 18th. Kelly volunteered to be the scribe. Kathryn will ask Beth if she would facilitate the August 6th meeting. Stuart volunteered to be the scribe.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, July 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Owls Head Town offices lower level.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Johnson