

Owls Head Conservation Commission

Minutes

Meeting of September 10, 2018

Attendees: Kathryn DerMarderosian, Chair, Jeanne Johnson, Jim Devery, Kathy Dewey, Stuart Rich

- **Plaisted Preserve Sign.** Kathryn reported that text for the sign has been carved and Tony is painting it. She has arranged for the carving of owl images on either side of the sign. The Commission will not be charged for the sign, since the manufacturer made an error which Kathryn described as undetectable.
- **Invasive species event.** The St. George Conservation Commission is sponsoring a walk to educate on the identification of invasive species. The walk will take place on September 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fort Point Trail on Route 131. Kathryn suggested that the OH Commission might wish to sponsor a similar event for the public.
- **BBQ Fundraiser.** Kathryn reported that attendance at the August 25 event was not as high as hoped and that the Commission reaped about \$50 after expenses. There is little enthusiasm for another event of this type.
- **Plaisted Preserve Opening.** Kathryn suggested that the Commission should host a formal opening of the preserve and trails as a means of raising its profile and acknowledging the hard work of the many who contributed to its creation. Kathryn will notify Jim Devery when the new sign is in place so that he can take photographs to be used to publicize the preserve and the opening event. A date of Saturday, October 20, was tentatively set for the opening.
- **Village Common.** Kathryn reported that she had met with the surviving owner of the property. He is now asking \$180,000 for the property and wants to place conditions on the sale. He wants to conserve the property and to memorialize Ed Glover. In view of the new price and the decline in interest (and \$\$\$) since the project was first envisioned 5 years ago, it was suggested that it may be time to drop the project. A vote of the Commission membership will be taken at the next monthly meeting.
- **Other business.**
 - Due to other commitments, Dick Matlack will step down from the position of Commission treasurer. We are grateful for all his fine work. The OHCC seeks to fill that position.
 - Jim Devery suggests that the Commission needs more structure in its processes. He will write an email to the membership describing his proposal for routinizing agenda creation, recording and posting of minutes, etc.
- **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. Jim Devery facilitator and Kathryn DerMarderosian scribe.

Stuart Rich
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