

## OHCC Meeting Minutes Wednesday February 5, 2020

1. Approved the January minutes.
2. Discussed plans to move the meeting location to the airport.
3. Municipal Conservation Commissions – Law changes – Kathryn explained that there are pending changes to Maine's State laws regarding CC.

MEACC members, including a rep from Owls Head, gave supporting testimony to pass Bill LD1973 which would amend current Maine Conservation Law, making it more relevant to current needs. Results from the hearing are still pending.
4. Waterfront Survey- Robin reviewed the document she and Beth prepared outlining their observations during their review of the waterfront properties.
5. Harbor Park – Kathryn met with Dick Carver and outlined the progress to date (parking lot and partial path). Dick suggested a low divider for the lower parking area. Rosa Rugosa is the preferred planting. Kathryn discussed an August 'Open House' at the park; she will follow up with Dick.
6. Harbor Park other:

Jim will contact Dick regarding foot bridge construction.

Possible summer work day to address phragmites problem.

Dick would like a kiosk and signage for the park.

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7. Spring Cleanup – Lauren will contact the Principal at AP School. Need to confirm date for cleanup with Town.
8. Plaisted – Kathryn mentioned developing a trail map for the kiosk at Plaisted.
9. Airport Committee – Lauren will keep the CC apprised of conservation related activities involving the airport.
10. Climate Change Event – Kathryn attended the Select Board meeting on 2/3 and raised the idea of an event. She is planning to meet with a St. George CC member to learn more about their event

Select board members agreed for OHCC to organize a workshop addressing climate change, which would include reps from town committees, Fire chief and reps from Sea Level Rise and climate change organizations. An outline/plan for the workshop will be submitted for Select Board approval before moving forward. A few OHCC members will attend a local planning session in St. George 2/29.

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**Attendees**

Kathryn DerMarderosian  
Jim Devery  
Stuart Rich  
Lauren Swartzbaugh  
Robin White

**Next Meeting: Wednesday March 4, 2020 6:00 PM at TBD**