

OHCC Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 1, 2021

1. Approved August minutes.
2. **Select Board** –

Kathryn DerMarderosian suggested that the commission needs to remind the select board to share CMP lighting plans so that members may review them to see that they preserve night skies and protect wildlife from light pollution.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Moved to next month; Robin White was out of town at the time of the meeting.
4. **Web Site** – *Stuart Rich* reported 150 hits each month during July and August.
5. **Sea level rise** – The commission will approach the select board to see if they wish to proceed with the next phase of the sea level rise assessment.
6. **Pesticide ordnance** - *Kathryn DerMarderosian* shared several documents that Lauren Swartzbaugh provided that outline safe pesticide use. *Jim Devery* will investigate which pesticide alternatives listed in the the homeowner's guide are available locally and report to the group his findings. The group also discussed an outreach effort to contact local landscapers to see if they are employing these alternative products.
7. **Plaisted abutters update** - *Kathryn DerMarderosian* contacted [Maine By Foot](#) and asked them to update their map to show abutter, *Charles Allen's*, property as separate from the public trail.
8. **Plaisted expansion** - *Kathryn DerMarderosian* updated the group on the *Swinton's* property adjacent to Plaisted Preserve that is for sale. She will present ideas for fund raising and a public information session to the select board and ask for their approval to move forward with the purchase of the property.
9. **Fall Plaisted work planning** - *Beth Long* will address this next month. There was also a discussion about a brush pile located on the north east corner of the preserve; we need to make sure that no dumping is occurring.
10. **Airport taxiway on sensitive land** – *Kathryn DerMarderosian* noted that the airport's proposed location for the new hangers is within an area designated as ecologically sensitive. The commission will review the airport plans and make appropriate recommendations to the select board. The GIS maps and the airport plans should be included in the commission's review of the taxiways and their potential to impact wildlife. Also mentioned was the engineering vendor retained by the airport to plan the construction and their involvement with earlier studies of the area.
11. **Owls Head Centennial** - *Stuart Rich* manned the conservation commission booth during the OH Centennial program and spoke to many residents about conservation; he thought several individual are potentially interested in donating to acquire the *Swinton's* property.

12. **Regional CC gathering** – *Kathryn DerMarderosian* and *Stuart Rich* shared their experiences at the regional CC gathering. Both agreed that *Jim Skoglund's* talk about *Fort Point* was very interesting and informative. The GRLT sponsorship of this event provided an excellent forum for the participants to share ideas and experiences from their respective CC's.
13. **House keeping** – *Jim Devery* will include calendar invitations for all regular OHCC meetings. He will also send an email reminder 24 hours before each meeting.

Attendees

Kathryn DerMarderosian

Jim Devery

Stuart Rich

Ken Wexler

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 6, 2021 6:00 PM at Town Hall