

OHCC Meeting Minutes Thursday February 3, 2022

1. Approved January minutes.
2. **Select Board** – Nothing to report.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – *Robin White* reported that a \$1,000.00 Plaisted expansion donation was received.
4. **Web Site Report** – *Stuart Rich* reported 100 plus website hits last month.
5. **Community Outreach** – *Lauren Swartzbaugh* updated the group on several areas.

Website – The annual cost for an internet domain and a **WordPress** software license would be about \$200.00.

Nextdoor – The **Nextdoor** neighborhood web application provides simple and free mechanism for the commission to post information that doesn't integrate easily on the OH Town site. **Nextdoor** employs a subscriber model to provide access to content eliminating the need to send invitations as would be the case with **Facebook**.

Library Speakers – Arranging conservation related speakers at the OH Library would be an excellent way for the commission to reach residents.

Garden Club – No response yet.

6. Plaisted Expansion

Budget – *Annette Naegel* presented a draft budget covering the purchase, closing costs, and stewardship expenses relating to the Plaisted expansion. The commission was very impressed with the document.

Based upon a successful fund raising campaign, the group agreed to plan to reimburse to Georges River Land Trust for Annette's work developing the budget. The reimbursement amount discussed was \$1,000.00.

It was pointed out that expansion donations are tax deductible.

Grant – *Robin White* explained that she has been working on the **Land for Maine's Future** grant application and plans to circulate a draft to commission members shortly. The final version will be presented to the Select Board for their review before it is submitted.

7. **Plaisted Wind Damage** – *Kathryn DerMarderosian* reported that a resident contacted her about a fallen tree in the preserve. *Beth Long* mentioned that she is aware of 4 trees that need to be cleared; some removal work may require a professional.
8. **Spring Road Cleanup** – To facilitate selection of the cleanup date, *Jim Devery* will contact town hall to find out the date for the Spring 'no-charge' stump dump day and report back to the team.

Earth Day 2022: Friday April 22

RSU 13 Spring Vacation: April 16-24

Attendees

Kathryn DerMarderosian

Beth Long

Stuart Rich

Robin White

Jim Devery

Annette Naegel

Lauren Swartzbaugh

Next Meeting: Thursday March 3, 2022 6:00 PM at Town Hall