

## Minutes from the Owls Head Conservation Commission meeting held on 11/06/2017.

**Members Present:** Kathryn DerMarderosian, Jeanne Johnson, Beth Long, Dick Matlack were present. Jim Devery, Bill Long, Dick Carver, Annette Naegel and Catherine Wiejaczka were also present. The meeting was held at the Town Offices on Ash Point Drive and began at 7:00 p.m.

Kathryn passed out a copy of a letter of support from the conservation commission for the Owls Head Harbor Park. Dick Carver gave the group a little of the history for the proposed park. He is in the process of applying for a grant that would cover some of the costs of construction of the dock. The town will hear if they have been awarded the grant in March. He encouraged individual members to write their own letters of support. They do need to be in by tomorrow and need to be in an electronic format. Dick Carver left the meeting.

**Lecture Series** – recap about Annie Kassler's program. We had about twenty people that attended. The group approved the \$75 speaking honorarium for Annie. Kathryn asked if anyone else had some suggestions for future programs. Beth mentioned ideas about dragon and damsel flies and invasive plants. Annette mentioned that a local forester would also be willing to do some type of program. Beth also suggested that we might have some local authors come and talk on natural history subjects. Kathryn wondered if we could all read one of the books and hold a discussion about the book. She encouraged people to keep thinking of other topics and report back to the group.

**Plaisted Preserve Maintenance and Kiosk**– Kathryn reported that her husband Tony has bought a post for the kiosk. Kathryn asked what type of winter projects needed to get done at the Preserve after the end of hunting season. We might have an opportunity to get some wood chips left over from all the trees that had fallen due to the recent storm. Beth is suggesting that there be a cleanup on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00. There are some large rocks that need to be moved and some things still need to be cut back. She is looking for volunteers. If you can help please bring some hand tools and shovels.

**Tree Lighting** – after a short discussions it was decided that the commission not sponsor this year’s event and let either the church or local residents plan it for 2017.

**Members of the Commission** – we are still seeking some new members for the commission. Jim suggested that we encourage someone that was born in the area to be part of the commission since most of the existing members have moved to the area within the past ten years.

**Owls Head Village Common Project (Former Buckminster Property)** –Kathryn read a draft of a letter that can be sent out to the people that pledged to the project in the past. She asked for volunteers to come and help address the letter and write personal notes to the people that we might know. This meeting is set for Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. **Update – the day has changed for this meeting and will now be held on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 at Kathryn’s house. She will be serving supper after the work session.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, December 4<sup>h</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Owls Head Town offices.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Johnson