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## Goosefare Brook Restoration Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, Sept.13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | 9:30-11:30am | Saco City Hall

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### **In Attendance:**

City of Saco: Joe Laverriere, Chris Gallant

Maine DEP: Kristin Feindel

Maine Healthy Beaches: Meagan Sims

Ocean Park Property Committee: Susan McGinty (Chair)

Old Orchard Beach Campground: John Daigle

Old Orchard Beach Conservation Commission: Kimbark Smith

Town of Old Orchard Beach: Megan McLaughlin

York County Soil and Water Conservation District: Theresa Galvin

### **\*Next Meeting Date\***

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

**9:30-11:30am Saco City Hall**

### **Workplan Task Updates**

Task 1- Project Management: YCSWCD to submit semi-annual report to DEP in November. Theresa will need updated in-kind match spreadsheets from all involved in project.

Task 2- Restoration Committee: Convened three times in 2017 (Feb, May, Sept)

Task 3- Education and Outreach:

- Storm drain stenciling activities tentatively planned for Fall 2017
  - Joe L. requested to see the content of the stencils prior to implementation; he will also assist with mapping of target neighborhoods.
  - Budget does not include paint; need to find a possible donation or other source.
  - Saco MS, Thornton Academy and Saco Conservation Commission will all be involved
- Kimbark Smith reported:
  - Phrag removal at Randall Park and Jordan Park marsh

- There is an on-going 6<sup>th</sup> grade focus on Goosefare Brook from the OOB standpoint. There will be additional in-class and field trips. \$700 has been secured from GMRI that will pay for buses.
- Kimbark conducted a talk on the tide gate
- Regarding the DEP grant of \$40,000 for wetland mitigation- the window of opportunity passed for work this year, so they will do it next fall, but they need extension because it needs to be 2-3 years in length.
- Community service projects for high schoolers are also being developed
- Also trying to put together a community project - trail called Ted Wells trail, which starts in camp in Ocean Wood and ends at the platform overlooking the Goosefare.
- Facebook page:
  - Megan got stuck with it but there has been nothing to post since the stream cleanups and April Stool's Day
  - Question posed to group whether to keep the page active; decision was to delete the page. Megan will complete and direct people to look at City of Saco website

#### Task 4- NPS Abatement Projects:

- OOB Reports:
  - Retrofit #23- We are going to do two catch basin retrofits with the PACTS Paving project at the intersection of Ocean Park Road and Saco Ave. They are a bio filter that we will add when we raise the catch basins to the new asphalt grade. We are going to add it to the cost of that project. Project expected to be implemented May 2018.
- Saco Reports:
  - Retrofit # 33 and 34 completed.
  - Buffer Planting sites B22 and B33 and Erosion Site E10 were also completed.

#### Task 5- Ordinance Development:

- Assistant Planner Megan McLaughlin is working on a Fill Ordinance for small projects that are not part of large subdivisions. She reports that they hope to have a draft ready by mid- 2018, then will seek Council approval.

#### Task 6- Private Property Stormwater Retrofit Matching Grants:

- Joe Laverriere reported that the City has a viable candidate, a school located on Industrial Park Rd.
  - They would have to meet City's ordinance requirement for treatment and for expansion

- They are willing to expand their treatment area which will catch 90% of the impervious cover and it will contribute towards what they didn't have to do
- Proposal of a gravel wetland for the site, \$40-50K to build and will receive \$4-5K from the grant

#### Additional Watershed Efforts:

- New culvert installed on Industrial Park Rd (partially funded by a MDEP culvert grant, MaineDOT MPI funds with Saco contributing the remainder).
- Peter Newkirk reports:
  - I have \$20K for survey and preliminary engineering this fall (federal money so can't go towards match). I will complete that and take a proposal to our Work Plan committee for project funding. Construction will hopefully take place in 2017 or 2018 the latest.
- Kristin reports:
  - The pipe bursting project improved bacteria values for King St. so, the new line improved the old pipe that probably had holes in it.
  - Conducted sampling on 4 dry days and 2 wet events from June to August 2017; results similar to last year
  - City funded the sampling efforts this summer
  - DNA testing- We need to know the breakdown of e coli and how much is human, how much is mammal
  - She expects the breakdown results from Megan at UNH maybe in next month.
- Meagan Sims reports:
  - Full DNA testing results delayed
  - 2016 report has results of the first DNA testing
  - 2017 monitoring season for the lower reaches occurring from June to October; 6 monitoring events
  - Human sources relayed to Town, so they are doing more camera work
  - Did find a hotspot in Ocean Park - a line that was not connected to the main line from an abandoned line
  - Letters from the Town need to go out to private properties that were identified in 2015 through smoke testing

#### Next Steps

- YCSWCD to submit semi-annual report to DEP in November; NPS Reports for each completed stormwater retrofit and buffer plantings will be submitted to DEP by end of 2017
- Pollutants Controlled report due to DEP by Dec. 31
- Planning over winter for 2018 projects

