

Ogunquit Conservation Commission  
Minutes for Thursday, June 16, 2016  
Dunaway Center, 6:30 pm

Present: Bill Baker, Bill Lee, Pam Sawyer, Margaret Weeks  
(contributor and observer)  
Excused: Doug Mayer

Bill Lee made a motion to approve the March minutes; Pam Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

1. The committee discussed the upcoming Doug Tallamy talk June 27 th. Pam Sawyer suggested a list be available of organic products that can replace chemical pesticides for the table at the event and volunteered to create a list with Margaret Weeks.
2. Dune fencing facing the river is being worked on thanks to Tom and the town crew.
3. Bill Baker reminded others of our Beyond Pesticides Dragon Fly Award and EPA New England Merit Award. Pam pointed out the significance of these awards.
4. We discussed the possibility of a solar farm in Ogunquit. Bill Lee pointed out the need for a lot of land for such a project. Pam suggested the town transfer station. Discussion was tabled for the time being.
5. Bill Baker described the Harpswell pesticide ordinance and its differences from our ordinance.
6. Much discussion centered on the Woods Hole Group's Beach Erosion Report. Bill Baker pointed out the expense – an annual expense of at least \$525,000 and the cost could be well over \$2 million a year; that the 'new' sand would only be for an area roughly between the first steel ramp by the benches to about # 1 past the Norseman; that the beach north of the Norseman is in good shape according to this report.

He further pointed out that this report simply agreed with the Maine Geological Survey's report that did not cost the town \$50,000. The discussion was tabled till next time so that members could further study the report.

11. Bill told members that we had been invited by Great Works Land Trust to a celebration July 21 in honor of Tin Smith EPA Lifetime Award and that since we had also won a similar EPA Merit Award, we were invited as well. This would be the date of our next meeting and is also the date for the Rotary's 2 cent Sale that fills the Dunaway. A date and time for our next meeting will be discussed via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Bill Baker  
Chair, Ogunquit Conservation Commission