

**OGUNQUIT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

A) ROLL CALL – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Horn called the Roll with the following results:

Members Present: Mike Horn, Chairman
Bill Baker
Kristen Rinaldi
Bill Lee
Pam Sawyer

Members Excused: Glenn Deletetsky
Doug Mayer

B) MINUTES - January 15, 2015

**Mr. Baker Moved to Accept the Minutes of the January 15, 2015 Meeting as submitted.
BAKER/SAWYER 5:0 UNANIMOUS**

C) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Downeast Magazine – Pesticide Article

Mr. Horn noted that the article should appear in the next edition.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that the magazine has nominated Ogunquit as the #1 Environmental Town in Maine. There will be an award luncheon on March 16, 2015 at the Town Hall.

2. Pesticide Workshops March 15, 2015

Ms. Rinaldi stated that they will be waiting until May.

Mr. Horn responded that the Eldridge Group will be holding workshops in March. He distributed workshop flyers to the Commission members and asked them to post them where appropriate. The Eldridge Group has asked the Ogunquit Conservation Commission what they can do to help with funding. Mr. Horn responded to them that the Commission isn't in a position to provide funding at this time. He did tell them that the Commission would help provide refreshments.

Ms. Rinaldi offered to ask the Village Food Market if they would help with coffee, tea, water, and cookies or other snack food.

Ms. Sawyer offered to speak with Bintliff's as well in case the Village Food Market doesn't pan out.

Ms. Sawyer pointed out that the workshop will be held during the winter when most people aren't yet thinking about their lawns. She suggested the Commission might hold their own workshop in the spring.

Mr. Lee asked if the March Workshop might be recorded.

Mr. Horn responded that he would speak with the Town Manager, and they would have to have Jordan Freedman come in to operate the camera etc.

Mr. Baker suggested that handouts would help.

Mr. Horn pointed out that the Commission doesn't have appropriate hand out material and he suggested they need to put something together. He also suggested that John Bochert would be a good resource.

Mr. Baker expressed his concern that Mr. Bochert was not as organized as he could be, and he suggested they contact the man from Marblehead instead.

Mr. Lee pointed out that many of the properties in town are rental properties where the owners are never on site and only want the rental properties to look nice. He informed the Board that they need to educate the public about the products being used and that the chemicals don't always stay where put; they migrate off the property into the water system, and even into homes when tracked in on people's feet.

It was noted that Mainely Grass is a primary offender.

Ms. Sawyer informed the Commission that she has always used Patten who contracts out to Mainely Grass.

Mr. Horn agreed to get Mr. Mayer, and together they will speak with John Patten about his subcontracting properties with Mainely Green.

3. Operating Budget - Rinaldi

Ms. Rinaldi handed out an operating budget sheet for 2013 and 2014. She noted that they need to notify the treasurer when they will have bills coming in for payment after the first of the year.

Mr. Horn responded that they have never gone over their budget before. They have always had unspent money which they send back to the General Fund. He pointed out that grant expense was allocated against their operating budget.

He also pointed out the line item for contracted services. He asked what that is for.

Ms. Rinaldi responded that one of the contracted services is for \$3,480. for Source Molecular which was not pre approved with the Treasurer.

Mr. Horn responded that this is the company that did the DNA Testing. He (Mr. Horn) was originally told by Mr. Marchant that the cost would be about \$200. They received a big report covering 8 to 10 sampling locations. This is much more than they anticipated.

Ms. Rinaldi also pointed out a \$995 bill from FB Environmental. She noted that both of these items were incurred in 2013 and not billed until 2014.

She summarized that, not knowing where to put these items, the Treasurer put them both into general expenses.

Mr. Horn responded that the Town Manager needs to go to the Maintenance Department / Mr. Marchant and tell him that Mr. Marchant ordered the tests and he needs to pay Source Molecular's invoice out of the Town's budget. He noted that there is still a \$1500 outstanding invoice for the last segment of the storm water mapping.

Ms. Rinaldi suggested that they may have to up their budget for the next year. As of January 16, 2015 they are down \$2000.

Mr. Horn stated that the Town needs to pay for the two outstanding items. If the Town Manager refuses then the Commission needs to ask for more money for next year.

D) NEW BUSINESS

1. Elect Conservation Commission Treasurer

2. Ogunquit #1 Maine Environmental Town - Downeast Magazine

Mr. Horn informed the Commission members that the award would be presented to the Town on March 16th at the Dunaway Center.

E) REPORTS

1. Meet w/ Town Manager and Beach Erosion Chair

Mr. Horn noted that the Beach Erosion Committee was discussing special fencing to stop beach erosion. They allocated \$11,000 for this. John Daly stated to the Beach Erosion Committee that they should have gone to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Horn met with the Town Manager and Paul Breen from the Beach Erosion Committee to discuss the fencing. He stressed that the real problem is that the Erosion Committee had no idea what the Conservation Commission has already done.

At that meeting they also discussed the voter approved \$50,000 for an engineering study which has not yet been clearly outlined. No request for proposal was submitted.

Mr. Baker pointed out that attempts, in other towns, to prevent beach erosion have not turned out well.

It was pointed out that the Beach Erosion Committee was established as an ad hoc committee, however they are now requesting full permanent committee status.

2. 319 Grant: Leavitt Stream Retention Pond

Mr. Horn informed the Commission members that the bids are going out. The first bid to come in was unrealistic.

3. 319 Grant Progress: Residential BMPs

It was agreed that this matter was still in the beginning stage. It will be picked up again in the spring.

F) OTHER

1. Discussion: Ideas/suggestions - 2015 Projects/Actions

G) ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:10 p.m.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Respectfully Submitted

Maryann L. Stacy

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Recording Secretary

Accepted March 19, 2015