

Ogunquit Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2016

Present: Bill Baker, Bill Lee, Pam Sawyer, Margaret Weeks (non-member)

Excused: Doug Mayer, Kristin Rinaldi (non-voting member)

Ogunquit Sewer District – Office plans – Bill began the discussion about the difficulty of the Conservation Commission's position on the sewer district's plan to have an office adjacent to the current sewer facility, since part of dune would be taken; however, closeness may be a necessity to make sure sewer district staff is immediately available to take care of any problems – a problem that would damage wetlands, waterways and the beach would be a catastrophe for Ogunquit.

Environmental Awards – Plaques are finished; a date has to be sought for presentations. Pam volunteered to find contact info for *The Sentinel*.

National Pesticide Forum – Former Chair and ConCom founder, Mike Horn will represent Ogunquit at the national forum in Portland, April 15-16.

Proposed fines for dune trespass and illegal dogs on the beach – After consultations with Tom and the police chief, it was decided to ask the Select Board to approve a raise in dune trespass from the over 35 year old \$50 fine, to \$100, and perhaps more for camping on the dunes. The fines for illegal dogs on the beach may remain at \$50.

Beach Fencing – Thanks to Tom and the Public Works, 1800' of new fencing was erected on March 16, stretching from the Footbridge beach entrance to the Moody parking lot.

Doug Tallamy – the work supporting this speaker on June 28 is ongoing by Joan Griswold and others.

Maine Association of Conservation Commissions meeting – 7 May – Brunswick – Keynote – Invasive plants – We discussed this association and Pam suggested that anyone from town should feel free to go to this.

Maine Beaches Conference – Pam also suggested anyone from town should feel free to go to this conference, July 17 – USM – South Portland.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.