

Ogunquit Conservation Commission

Minutes for Thursday, August 18, 2016

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

B) APPROVED MINUTES – June – Bill Lee made a motion to approve June's minutes, Pam Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

C) NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS –

1. Beach Report – Discussion centered on the recent problems with poison applied for rodent control at the beach. Bill Baker reported what had been discussed by town officials at the Select Board meeting two nights before. Bill Lee emphasized the work and necessity of the state agencies investigating the problems.

Bill Baker reported on two possible ballot initiatives by Paul Breen to create restricted funds for the beach and Marginal Way based on a percentage of the parking lot fees. Pam pointed out that the non-profit she heads has had problems with restricted funds in the past.

2. Conservation Commission Annual Town Report – Bill Baker has sent an edited version of this report to Commission members for approval.

2. Mr Fox Composting – Bill Baker described the operations of this new company that deals with restaurant garbage for compost purposes and will report further when he meets with the head of the company. Bill hopes that the Chamber will promote the restaurant use of this company for the summer of 2017.

3. Land available for conservation? Bill Baker discussed some land possibilities that might be available for a small solar farm for Ogunquit residents. Margaret pointed out the complexity and amount of work needed to establish this project.

4. River side fencing – This still has to be completed.

5. Phase II – FP Environmental Associates – Outreach, along with water testing continues in this second phase of work. Bill pointed out that this material is available in the annual report.

6. Proposed ordinances prohibiting chemical pesticides in York and South Portland - Bill Baker pointed that York has submitted a pesticide ordinance similar to ours to the Select Board, and the South Portland city council has approved the first reading of an ordinance similar, though with more exceptions, to our pesticide ordinance.

F. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.