

**OGUNQUIT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2011**

A. ROLL CALL 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Horn called the Roll with the following results:

Members Present: Mike Horn, Chairperson
 Brad Sterl, Vice Chairperson
 Madeline Brown (Secretary)
 Bob Joyner
 Doug Mayer
 Everett Leach

B. MINUTES November 18, 2010

**Mr. Mayer Moved to Approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2010 Meeting as Amended.
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C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Greening - Pollution Filtration System (Snout) Grasshopper Lane.

Mr. Horn informed the Committee that the Town Manager reports that the Snout has arrived and will be installed on Grasshopper Lane, probably in May.

Mr. Mayer asked if the Commission might review the plans prior to installation.

Mr. Horn agreed to request a copy of the plans.

Mr. Joyner noted that the next Greening Committee Meeting will take place on March 1st.

Mr. Joyner also informed the Commission that the Town Manager has committed the Town to join the Seacoast Energy Initiative. There is some problem with funding which still needs to be worked out, and it is unlikely that anything will be in place prior to next winter.

2. Ogunquit Beach Dune Fence - Winter Policy/Spring Planning.

Mr. Horn noted that they are still attempting to get the Town Manager to commit funding for rebuilding the beach fence. The State Geologists stated that the dune fencing is important for the preservation of the dunes. It is imperative that people be kept off the dunes.

Mr. Mayer confirmed that the fence will have to be located at the base of the dunes and not on the slopes or top. Some of the fencing may be lost to storms but this is something the Town will have to budget for.

3. Conservation Tracts Berwick Road Plan to Town Manager - Mayer, Horn.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that the time has come for the Commission to produce and submit a plan to the Town Manager. The parcel in question runs parallel to Berwick Road and is below the transfer station and consists of approximately two acres. The procedure will be for the Town to designate the property as “conservation land”, then the Commission can approach abutting property owners and introduce the notion of conservation easements.

Mr. Mayer noted that Wells has a plan for Acquisition of Town Owned Land for Conservation Purposes, and he suggested Ogunquit might adapt a similar plan. He offered to do a rewrite and forward it to the Commission members for review.

Mr. Horn and Mr. Joyner both pointed out that there are also tax benefits to donating land for conservation easements.

4. Ogunquit River Watershed Committee with Wells ConCom - Horn.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that they still don't have a chairperson for the Watershed Committee.

Ms. Brown suggested it might be better to have someone from Ogunquit Chair the Watershed Committee. The Commission members agreed that it is important to have the right person, regardless of where he/she is from.

It was noted that there have been problems with the storm drain on Rt 1 by the Car Wash and The Sea Glass Village.

Mr. Horn reminded the Commission members that the Wells Conservation Commission's primary concern is with land acquisition and they are only slowly beginning to show more interest in the watershed.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Waterfree Urinals Program – Horn

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that he met with the Town Manager and the Town Maintenance Director and the new urinals will be installed in April.

2. Ogunquit River Corridor Parcels - Mayer, Horn

It was agreed that this item would be tabled indefinitely.

3. Pervious Paving Rt 1 Sidewalks, Marginal Way

Mr. Horn spoke with the Town Manager who confirmed that when the survey is complete and the project goes out for bids he will ask for two estimates: one for pervious surface treatment and one for impervious treatment, however the Marginal Way may accept pervious paving regardless of the cost.

Mr. Sterl noted that the Marginal Way is primarily ledge, however there are portions of the walkway where the pervious paving could be used.

Mr. Horn agreed that it would probably be useless to use pervious paving over ledge. He also reminded everyone that in the past the entire path was stone dust.

E REPORTS.

1. Dune/Beach Restoration Meeting & Site Walk 1/12/11 w/State Marine Geologists.

Mr. Horn and Mr. Mayer walked the beach and dunes after the Christmas Storm and confirmed that approximately fifteen feet were lost from the Norseman to the 2nd cross over. They met with the Town Manager, Selectman Cavaretta, and the State Geologists. It was agreed that the fencing needs to stay in place and that the cutback was a natural occurrence and that it would eventually replace itself. The State Geologist also confirmed that it is unrealistic to discuss dredging the river and/or relocating the sand.

There was some concern about the area abutting the Norseman, and it was suggested that beach cleanup material be dumped there.

Mr. Mayer noted that there was a great deal of concern about the lack of beach space at high tide. The geologist confirmed that as long as the sea wall and the Norseman are in place, introduced sand would not stay in place.

Ms. Brown noted the State Geologist's suggestion to plant additional grasses to stabilize the dunes, and the potential use of outside consultants. She spoke with Mr. Markus who agreed to come down, at no charge, and look at some of the sites.

Mr. Horn responded that the Town may not be willing to fund an outside consultant and Ms. Brown needs to make it clear to him that the Commission is not in a position to fund him. Mr. Markus could come down and evaluate Ogunquit's situation and put together a presentation for the Commission and/or Select board. But it must be made clear to him that any funding would have to go through the Town approval process.

Ms. Brown agreed to contact Mr. Markus and set up a time for him to come to Ogunquit and meet with the Town Manager and the Commission members. She will make it clear to him that this is only an exploratory meeting and that they are not committing any funds at this point.

Mr. Mayer asked if the Commission has the authority to invite an outside consultant to come in without the permission of the Town Manager.

Mr. Horn responded that they do.

2. Site Walk w/PB 1/18/11 - 474 Shore Rd. - Storm Water Runoff Control

Mr. Horn noted that the site walk was cancelled due to the weather and has not yet been rescheduled. He produced a memo for the Commission to present to the Planning Board. Mr. Horn's primary concern is the ability of the existing catch basins to handle additional runoff. Most runoff comes down from the hill, runs under Shore Road and the Riverside Motel property, and flows into Perkins Cove.

Mr. Horn noted that the backside of the property falls away to Staples Pond.

Mr. Mayer pointed out that part of the development includes a dwelling directly on Shore Road.

Mr. Horn confirmed that this is a subdivision and will require several more Planning Board meetings. Also, it is unlikely that the site visit will be rescheduled in the near future due to the snow.

Mr. Leach asked where the entrance to the subdivision will be.

Mr. Mayer responded that the entrance will be off Staples Pond Road which is off Shore Road.

F. OTHER

1. Reminder -MTA2C Workshop 2/24/11 Low Impact Development.

Discussion tabled to the February meeting.

2. Resubmitted Pesticide Ordinance.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that the work done on the Pesticide Ordinance has been nullified because the DEP was never notified. The Ordinance will have to go back to the voters at the June Town Meeting. It will be presented in the same format as it was originally submitted.

Mr. Joyner confirmed that the DEP requires all pesticide ordinances be approved by them prior to being adopted by the Town.

G. ADJOURNMENT –

**Mr. Mayer Moved to Adjourn at 7:55 p.m.
MAYER/JOYNER 6/0 UNANIMOUS**

Respectfully Submitted

Maryann Stacy

Approved on March 24, 2011

Recording Secretary