

**OGUNQUIT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

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

Members Excused: Everett Leach

B. MINUTES October 21, 2010.

**Mr. Mayer Moved to Accept the Minutes as Amended.
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C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Greening - Pollution Filtration System Grasshopper Lane.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that he and Mr. Mayer met with the Town Manager regarding the Grasshopper Lane Project and the possible incorporation of the Snout System. They confirmed that the company which manufactures the Snout System has offered to provide one unit free of charge to the Town. The Town Manager has agreed to accept the offer. Mr. Mayer and Mr. Horn will be meeting with him again to discuss the project further.

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

Mr. Horn confirmed that there would be a follow-up meeting with the Town Manager in the next few months and that this issue would be tabled until after that meeting takes place. Mr. Horn also agreed with Mr. Joyner that placing the fencing at the top of the dunes would not be an effective deterrent to people trespassing on the dunes.

Mr. Mayer asked if next year's fencing would extend further down the beach.

Mr. Horn responded that it should extend up to the natural area, then there would be a break.

It was agreed that this matter would be tabled pending further discussion with the Town Manager in the spring.

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

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that he and Mr. Mayer met with the Town Manager to discuss the possibility of conserving the area between the Transfer Station and Berwick Road for use as a green buffer zone. The Town Manger agreed with this proposal and requested a formal written plan.

Mr. Mayer suggested contacting the Land Trust for assistance in the wording of the proposal.

Mr. Horn responded that they need to have further discussions with the Town Manager and other department heads regarding other possible plans for that land. However he agreed that they might begin to put together a broad overview of a proposal.

Mr. Sterl noted that there has been some discussion about the possibility of moving the Town Garage to that area. However this was the idea of the previous Director of Public Works, and he no longer works for the Town, so this issue may be dead.

Mr. Horn agreed to draft the written proposal for the Town Manger.

Mr. Mayer agreed to produce larger better quality maps to submit with the proposal.

4. Ogunquit River Watershed Committee with Wells Conservation Commission – Horn.

Mr. Horn spoke with the Chairman of the Wells Conservation Commission and was informed that they may have a Chair for the Watershed Committee. He will be following up and will have more information next month.

5. Dog Park Tree Removal - Mayer.

Mr. Mayer noted that there were more trees removed than they anticipated, including some large pines. The Transfer Station Director had some concerns about this however nothing has been done that was not agreed to beforehand.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Waterfree Urinals Program – Horn.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that Cliff Marchant, Maintenance Director for the Town, has agreed to install three waterless urinals as test units, one each at: the Dunaway Center, Main Beach, and Perkins Cove. Mr. Horn noted that they expect to see savings in water and sewer fees which may be large enough to justify installing additional waterless units. Tom Cummings from JMG Water Free has agreed to provide a cost and savings spreadsheet. Mr. Horn confirmed that

the first three units will be installed in May 2011 and that twenty more units might be installed if these three generate significant savings. Mr. Horn noted that the installation of twenty more units would have to be approved by the Select Board.

Mr. Mayer asked where the money would come from for the installation of the first three units.

Mr. Horn responded that it will come from the Conservation Commission Budget.

Mr. Mayer asked if the Conservation Commission might recoup the money if the project goes to phase two.

Mr. Horn responded that they might ask for the money back if they have a significant expenditure in the future. Mr. Horn expressed admiration and thanks to Mr. Marchant for all his work and cooperation on this and other projects.

2. Ogunquit River Corridor Parcels - Mayer, Horn.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission members that he attended the Mt. A to the Sea seminar and that it was very informative.

Mr. Horn also noted that he spoke to Tom Burns who will be coming in to speak with Barbara Kinsman regarding the GIS software, at that time Mr. Burns will hopefully be able to install the data onto the Conservation Commission computer at the Land Use Office.

Mr. Mayer noted that Mr. Burns wants a site visit to see the old storm drain and get it plotted into the system as well. Phil Pickering also located several new manhole covers which he wants to show to Mr. Burns.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that there had been some discussion about the Conservation Commission purchasing their own GIS unit. However this appears to be cost prohibitive.

Mr. Mayer responded that he has such a unit and would be willing to lend it to the Commission.

Ms. Brown updated the Commission regarding the status of the Greening Committee. They held their last meeting on November 15th. The discussion focused primarily on energy, including loans for weatherization, and what might be done to encourage more businesses to achieve Green Certification. Ms. Brown also suggested that Jeff Page, who is a new Greening Committee member, might also make a good Conservation Commission member. She agreed to speak to him about it.

3. Pervious Paving Rt 1 Sidewalks, Marginal Way.

Tabled pending further discussion with the Town Manager.

E. REPORTS - None

F. OTHER

Ms. Brown noted that the Select Board recently held discussions regarding the establishment of a Town Priorities List. Two of the priorities set by the Select Board were 1) the geology of the beach and 2) water quality. The Select Board is very concerned about water pollution and she (Ms. Brown) suggested that since the Select Board has opened the door on this issue it would behoove the Conservation Commission to step through that door and use this as an opportunity to educate not only the Select Board but the public as well.

Mr. Sterl suggested they put together a list of concerns for presentation to the Select Board.

Mr. Mayer agreed that the Select Board is beginning to pay more attention to these issues. He also agreed with Ms. Brown that it might be a good idea to contact some consultants in the area of coastal geology and water quality to speak to the Board. He also reiterated that the primary source of pollution to the river and beaches is probably failed septic systems.

Ms. Brown suggested a meeting to discuss problem identification and possible solutions; she also suggested having one or more members of the Select Board at this meeting.

Mr. Joyner agreed and stressed that outside consultants might have insights that the Conservation Commission does not have.

Mr. Horn agreed and asked Ms. Brown to contact appropriate consultants, he warned her not to make any commitments, and asked her to just explore their options.

Mr. Mayer reminded everyone that the clam flats opening was very successful.

Mr. Horn agreed and added that he reminded the Town Manager that the opening of the flats was due in most part to the efforts of Everett Leach, Phil Pickering, and Doug Mayer.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maryann Stacy
Recording Secretary

Accepted as Amended on January 20, 2011