

**OGUNQUIT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2011**

A. ROLL CALL - 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Horn called the Roll with the following results:

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

Members Absent: Bob Joyner
 Milt Vargelis (Mr. Vargelis arrived at 6:14 and departed at 6:38)

B. MINUTES - July 28, 2011

**Mr. Leach Moved to Accept the Minutes as Submitted.
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C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Greening Program - New Activities / Mailing – Brown, Joyner.

Ms. Brown informed the Commission that the mailing is ready and will probably go out in a week. It will be sent to residents and businesses. Ms. Brown will contact the Town Office with a request to use the Town's Mailing Permit; if they can't use the Town's Permit they will use the Chamber of Commerce's.

Mr. Mayer suggested the Commission might consider asking Paul Tukey for copies of his presentation "Chemical Reaction" and/or permission to show it in a public forum.

Ms. Brown responded that Nancy Fording had said that there was a lack of interest. Ms. Brown thought it would be cost prohibitive to send disks to all the residents, however they might show it publicly.

Mr. Leach suggested broadcasting it on WOGT a few times, and providing a contact for people to call if they want a copy.

Mr. Mayer also suggested that the Commission should take more advantage of WOGT. He noted that Mr. Vargelis has a collection of old post cards and perhaps some of these images might be displayed on WOGT.

Mr. Horn asked if Mr. Mayer and Mr. Vargelis could get together to see if they can copy the postcards into JPEG format, he also asked Mr. Mayer to follow-up with Paul Tukey.

Mr. Leach suggested talking to the Historical Society as well.

Mr. Vargelis offered that he has about 100 slides of the 1978 storm as well as video of the No Name Halloween Storm.

Ms. Brown noted that WOGT is somewhat antiquated and she suggested they put whatever they have onto the Conservation Commission's website instead, this would have the added benefit of teaching the public to visit the website.

2. Conservation Land - Berwick Road Plan to Town Manager - Mayer, Horn.

Mr. Horn and Mr. Mayer completed their presentation to the Town Manager, they are only waiting for Mr. Fortier to set a date for meeting with the Select Board.

Mr. Mayer noted that the Town Manager has suggested that if the area around the Transfer Station has been surveyed, they might ask for land right up to the survey lines. Mr. Fortier offered to meet with them again and to assist them in putting together a Power Point presentation.

Mr. Horn asked Mr. Mayer to follow up on this.

3. Healthy Beaches River / Beach Testing - Mayer, Leach.

Mr. Mayer informed the Commission that the weekly beach test done on August 16th produced results in excess of 2000. Particularly high counts came from OG-4 and OG-06, two sites on the river at the Main Beach. These are the highest results they have ever produced.

Mr. Horn noted that the testing on the 16th was done after a period of very heavy rain.

Mr. Vargelis asked: "On what tide is the testing done?"

Mr. Mayer responded that this test was done at medium flood tide, however it is best to do the testing at low-ebb tide. He noted that when high counts come in, a retest is usually done the next day and the results are almost always better after the second sample.

Mr. Horn asked Mr. Mayer to follow up on this and let the Commission know if/when a retest is done.

Mr. Mayer informed the Commission that he and Norman West collected samples at: the Leavett Stream, the pipe at the bottom of Greeneedle Lane, the outfall at the Dunes, and both sides of Littlefield Village. The Locations with the highest results (+/- 1000) were the Dunes and the north side of Littlefield Village. He suggested that if they have to choose a particular location to watch, it would be the two sites bracketing Littlefield Village. Mr. Mayer has put in a call to Sarah from Healthy Beaches, he is also interested in getting more information about the human specific test pilot which was done in York.

Ms. Brown noted that there is no testing being done for chemical pollution, and given the Commission's work promoting green landscaping practices this might be something they should look into.

4. Windward - Catch Basin Snout Installation.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that he has spoken to the Town Manager again and that Mr. Fortier will speak to the Public Works Department and they will get to work on it as soon as they have time.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Waterfree Urinals Program – Horn.

Mr. Horn spoke to Mr. Marchant, Maintenance Director, and he is looking into installation bids and will get back to them when he knows more.

Mr. Vargelis asked; “what is a “waterfree urinal?”.

Mr. Horn responded that it is a dry system, chemical urinal which doesn't use any water or empty into the sewer system.

2. Ogunquit River Watershed Committee -Vargelis.

Mr. Horn asked if Mr. Vargelis has done anything on the Committee yet.

Mr. Vargelis responded that he has not.

3. Pervious Paving Route 1 Sidewalk Plans.

Mr. Horn noted that they are still waiting on the final bids from the State as well as the bonding information.

Mr. Sterl asked if any of the sidewalks are right-of-ways on Route One.

Mr. Horn responded that there are some private railway lines on the western side of the Route One, and the Town doesn't know if it can take them by eminent domain.

4. Berwick Road New paving - Catch Basins.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that the Town Manager has a bid out for the new catch basins and that Mr. Fortier informed Mr. Horn that the new basins would improve the runoff conditions, however he was unable to say exactly where the catch basins would be located or where they would drain to.

Ms. Brown asked if these new catch basins are possible candidates for the Snout.

Mr. Horn responded that they might be, however he pointed out that most of the pollution coming off the roads is petro chemical in nature.

Ms. Brown confirmed that the Snout System is designed to capture the petro chemical pollution.

Mr. Horn agreed to contact the Town Manager about the new catch basins and the Snout System.

5. Beach Cleanup – September 3, 2011.

Mr. Horn asked if everyone had received the assignment list and he confirmed that notices will be posted around Town and on WOGT.

Mr. Horn confirmed that Mr. Vargelis could work close to the parking lot which would keep him close to his business.

Mr. Vargelis responded that he doesn't have time to do that.

There was discussion about Commission member participation.

Mr. Mayer asked Mr. Horn to speak to the Fire Chief about arranging the beach vehicle.

Mr. Horn agreed to do so, he also informed the Commission that the Town has ordered new tee-shirts.

Mr. Mayer asked for the pros and cons of holding the Clean Up on Labor Day Weekend. He suggested that the purpose is to clean up the beach after the summer's activities. He also noted that Maine has a Maine Coast Clean-Up Week from September 17th to the 24th. He suggested holding the Clean-Up after the Town quiets down a bit.

Mr. Horn noted that when this project first began they removed a great deal of trash off of the dunes, in the last few years the Clean Up has become more of a publicity event as the dunes have been maintained in a way that keeps them cleaner. He noted that Labor Day is a very busy weekend and they get more publicity by holding the Clean Up at that time. However he agreed that they might reschedule it a bit later in the season, and suggested they discuss it prior to next year's Clean Up.

E REPORTS -

1. Coastal Hazards Presentation to Select Board and Planning Board 8/16/11 – Horn.

Mr. Horn noted that they have received very positive feedback from the State Planning Office and others. He noted that the Select Board moved to create a committee to look into the impact sea level rise will have on Ogunquit.

Ms. Brown asked where this new committee will be getting their data, and if they will be working with the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Horn responded that they will have to wait and see, however he noted that it was suggested that one or two Conservation Commission members be on the new committee.

Mr. Mayer responded that Jay Smith offered to serve, and it was suggested that someone from the Sewer District serve as well, and Mr. Mayer also volunteered.

Mr. Horn acknowledged that at this point it will be an information gathering committee.

F. OTHER

1. Fund Raising Discussion.

Mr. Horn informed the Commission that they received \$119.00 from Kennebunk Savings Bank this year.

Mr. Mayer informed the Commission that one of the seminars he attended at the Beaches Conference was State Natural Resources Protection Act Concerning Sand Dunes, Coastal Sand Dunes Rules and Applications. Two things he learned were: 1) State Rules prohibit the construction of new seawalls or jetties; 2) if a structure in the coastal dunes is destroyed by more than 50% it can not be replaced – if it is damaged up to 50% it may be repaired one time.

G. ADJOURNMENT –

**Mr. Mayer Moved to Adjourn at 7:07 p.m.
MAYER/STERL 5/0 UNANIMOUS**

Respectfully Submitted

Maryann Stacy
Recording Secretary

Approved on September 15, 2011