

Ogunquit Conservation Commission
Minutes for Thursday, September 15, 2016
Dunaway Center, 6:30 pm

Present: Bill Baker, Doug Mayer, Pam Sawyer, Bill Lee, Cindy Douglas (almost a member)

August Minutes: Bill Lee made a motion to accept the minutes for August; Pam Sawyer seconded, motion carried.

Proposed Reserve Accounts: Pam Sawyer explained the problems inherent in the reserve accounts proposed by an Ogunquit citizen.

Doug Mayer described the history of the Conservation land reserve fund.

Discussion centered on submitting a proposal to the Select Board and Budget Review Committee to begin building the Conservation land reserve fund again.

Woods Hole Group Final Report: Discussion focused on the need to be a part of the discussion when this final report is brought to the Select Board.

What Should Be Our Focus and Goals: Doug Mayer pointed out that the town has done nothing with the Bassett property purchased several years ago. He proposed this fall we and perhaps other volunteers clear a trail so hikers could enjoy these 40 acres.

Bill Lee emphasized the need to preserve Ogunquit's natural resources, the beach, dunes, marsh, and land. The Commission concurred.

Speaker Suggestions: Bill Lee suggested black bear expert, Ben Kilham, featured in a National Geographic Special and centered in mid-New Hampshire.

Pam Sawyer suggested someone who could give a more balanced view of the so called beach 'nourishment' than that of the company, The Woods Hole Group.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Bill Baker
Chair, Ogunquit Conservation Commission