

**OGUNQUIT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2015**

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

A) ROLL CALL – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Horn called the Roll with the following results:

Members Present: Mike Horn, Chairman
 Doug Mayer, Vice Chairman
 Bill Baker
 Glenn Deletetsky
 Kristen Rinaldi
Also Present: Bill Lee

B) MINUTES 11/20/14

**Mr. Baker Moved to Accept the Minutes of the November 20, 2014 Meeting as Submitted.
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C) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Pesticide Ordinance - Downeast Magazine

Mr. Horn informed the Commission members that he has been contacted by an editor from Downeast Magazine. They want to do an article about Ogunquit's Pesticide Ordinance.

Mr. Baker responded that he had been contacted, and interviewed, by the writer.

Mr. Horn noted that the Code Enforcement Officer had been contacted by a local landscaper with questions about treating for mosquitoes. According to the Ordinance this activity may be exempted. Mr. Horn provided the Code Officer with information about different products which may be used.

Ms. Rinaldi noted that the training and educational workshops for the public and local landscapers are being worked on. The subcommittee will set some dates for April or May when people start to come back to Town.

Mr. Horn spoke with John Bocca who offered to hold a workshop of his own.

Public Educational Program - Deletetsky

Mr. Deletetsky informed the Commission that they are waiting until the 1st of the year to begin.

2. New Conservation Land - P&S, Progress-Mayer

Mr. Mayer stated that the Town signed the sale agreement with the Bassetts on November 25, 2014 and the Town now owns the 39.8 acres. The next parcel under consideration will be Littlefield's.

Mr. Mayer suggested the Commission ask for \$50,000 in the next budget for the Open Space Fund. The Littlefield property is north of the Bassett property and goes almost to Captain Thomas Road.

Mr. Horn asked if they might be willing to turn the property over as a conservation easement without money changing hands.

Mr. Mayer responded that, no they do need some money but he wasn't sure how much. The parcel is over 40 acres and the deal probably won't be concluded until 2016. If this should happen the Town will have open space all the way from Capt. Thomas Road to Berwick Road and the Town has indicated it might put in a bicycle path.

Mr. Deletetsky asked why the Town has to be the sole owner.

Mr. Mayer responded that he wasn't exactly sure, but the new Treasurer, John Quartararo, found something in the Ordinance which says that if the Town puts money into a property it has to own the property.

Mr. Deletetsky suggested they look into changing the ordinance.

It was agreed that the Commission would look into it.

Mr. Baker asked if there was a Conservation Land Map of the area.

Mr. Mayer responded that there is one on the Southern Maine Watershed Site. He noted that Laudholm Farm also works to update the Conservation Maps in the area.

Mr. Lee added that the Maine Inland and Fisheries and Wildlife has habitat maps

Mr. Horn suggested that as the Town builds its open space/conservation land, it might be helpful to have printed maps and on the Town's GIS.

It was agreed that having it on the Town's GIS would be best for updating purposes.

Mr. Mayer invited any member who is interested to a walk, sponsored by the Land Trust, on January 21st through the Payeur parcel starting at the Dog Park.

D) NEW BUSINESS

1. Select Board Interview Applicants for Membership - Pam Sawyer and Bill Lee

Mr. Horn noted that Mr. Joyner will be submitting his resignation from the Commission. He will be moving out of town.

Mr. Lee and Ms. Sawyer will be interviewed by the Select Board for membership on the Commission.

E) REPORTS

1. 319 Grant: Leavitt Stream Retention Pond

Mr. Horn spoke with Emily DeFranco about the retention pond and the DOT's intention to put something in the same area. The DOT is looking at the edge of Beach Street by the bridge, while Emily is looking at the lower parking lot. The bids that came in for the retention pond were too high. As a result HB Environmental will be looking more closely at the project.

Mr. Horn noted that slow to late payments from DOT and other agencies, and confusion with the Town Treasurer, Mr. Horn, Mr. Quartararo, and Emily had a meeting to straighten things out. The result was that the Commission was in arrears for the 2014 budget.

2. 319 Grant Progress: Residential BMPs

Mr. Deletetsky informed the Commission that nothing would happen until spring.

F) OTHER

1. Discussion: Ideas / suggestions - 2015 Projects / Actions

Mr. Horn asked if anyone had any ideas other than Land Acquisition, which is the Commission's primary focus.

Mr. Baker suggested they work on getting the conservation land on the GIS. He also asked about beach planting where there is erosion on the dunes.

Mr. Horn responded that the Beach Erosion Committee has \$1,100 for planting, primarily around the parking lot. He also noted that the State Geologist suggested they leave the dune "saddle" alone because it is a natural formation.

Mr. Mayer noted that the Main Beach has more sand than it ever has. The beach is dynamic and the sand accumulates and is lost, it's cyclical. The primary dangers are from the parking lot and the Norseman.

Mr. Horn noted that there have been some conflicts with some of the actions of the Beach Erosion Committee. He also informed the Commission that one of the lobstermen informed him that there is now a second sand bar off the Maine Beach.

G) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baker Moved to Adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary

Approved on February 19, 2015