

Ogunquit Conservation Commission  
Minutes for Thursday, November 17, 2016  
Dunaway Center, 6:30 pm

**Present:** Bill Baker, Doug Mayer, Bill Lee, Cindy Douglass  
Excused: Pam Sawyer  
Observer and participant: Margaret Weeks

**October Minutes:** Doug Mayer pointed out that the description for the Basset property woods roads, should read, "...two woods roads, one east, one west,..." should be substituted for "...two woods roads one north, the other south... ." With the change made, the October minutes were approved, motion made by Bill Lee, seconded by Cindy Douglass.

**Beaches Conference:** Margaret Weeks described the value of the last beach conference and Doug Mayer explained the general point of these conferences. Bill Baker asked if anyone would want to make a presentation at the conference, but there were no takers. Bill Lee pointed out that often presentations at such conferences were made by people with ongoing research. Bill Lee further thought we should all go since it was at Wells-Ogunquit High School and to make some good contacts.

**Gull Report** – Bill Lee explained that it was quite probable the dead gull did die of pneumonia, that this could be an umbrella term to cover a host of other diseases. Doug described how gulls, especially young gulls, had a high mortality rate. Bill Lee described why both the testing and the report could take months.

**Budget** – Discussion centered on the need for a Conservation Land Fund, especially since there is a possibility for land adjoining the town woods to become available. Cindy Douglass stressed the need, as well, for monies for conferences, such as the July 14<sup>th</sup> Beach Conference at Wells-Ogunquit High School.

**Annual Environmental Award** – Several names were mentioned as possible candidates and one seemed to stand out amongst these.

**Coastal Community Grant Advisory Committee** – Bill Baker invited all who wished to attend this meeting to come for this last meeting, December 14, 10:30, Dunaway Center.

**Norseman Lane** – We will look into whether this is town owned.

**December Meeting** – There will be no December meeting given the timing. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2017

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36.

Bill Baker,  
Chair