

OGUNQUIT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Thursday, June 15, 2017 meeting

A) ROLL CALL

Present: Bill Baker, Doug Mayer, Pam Sawyer, Cindy Douglass.

Excused: Bill Lee.

B) MINUTES 5/18/17

Pam Sawyer made a motion to accept the May minutes; Cindy Douglass seconded. Minutes accepted.

C) ONGOING BUSINESS

1. 2016 Ogunquit River Watershed Water Final Report – thoughts.

Tabled till July's meeting.

2. Beach Conference – Wells High School.

Bobby Morse, Piping Plover Audubon Coordinator, Bill and Judy Baker and perhaps Margaret Weeks will be attending.

3. Tick sheet – Pam.

Members thanked Pam Sawyer for working on this; the Conservation Commission's emblem will be placed on the sheet. This information will be distributed and posted in public places in town, especially the dog park and perhaps placed on the town homepage. Pam will ask the Chamber if it

can distribute this informational sheet in their packets sent to Chamber members.

4. 10 and 12 Beach Plum Lane – memo.

Bill Lee's memo was forwarded to the town attorney several weeks ago. Bill Baker spoke of his conversation with Scott Heyland. Members felt that the Commission should have a copy of the memo. Pam Sawyer and Cindy Douglass will meet with Scott to secure a copy that will be sent to all Commission members.

We will discuss this at July's meeting.

5. Public display for environmental awards - suggestions?

We have three environmental awards, one from Washington, D.C.'s Beyond Pesticides; another from the New England EPA, and the third from *Downeast Magazine*. All these awards, to the town and to the Conservation Commission, should be displayed publicly in the Dunaway Center.

6. Results of well testing for PFOs and PFOAs.

Results of this testing were negative in both cases.

7. Help in contacting York and Cumberland counties' ConComs?

Members offered to help, however felt that we would have more success in late summer or early fall getting responses, especially from coastal towns.

8. Contribution – land fund.

A generous donation was given to the Conservation Land Reserve Fund.

9. Mary Breen's appreciation.

Mary Breen expressed appreciation for being honored with the 2017 Conservation and Environmental Award and offered to share information and practices with any who requested this.

10. Contribution boxes.

Contribution boxes for the Conservation Land Fund are now located at the Chamber's Welcome Center as well as the Dunaway Center. Bill Baker will check the boxes periodically and have John Q place these funds in the Conservation Land Reserve Account.

11. Green Ogunquit bags.

The remaining 'Green Ogunquit Day' bags were given to the Chamber's Welcome Center for tourist use.

12. Conservation Commission Files.

Judy Baker bought two bins for the Ogunquit Conservation files and all files are now in these bins. We need a place for these files now in the Dunaway Center.

13. 'Administrative Consent Agreement with the State of Maine Board of Pesticide Control' – Select Board agenda.

This Select Board agenda item had to do with the town's agreement with the state about the 2016 rat poison incident.

14. Surfrider USA.

This group will be holding a paddle board session on the Footbridge Beach and offered to 'clean up the beach' as well. After some discussion that also involved Maine Audubon, several from the Maine Fisheries and Wildlife will be at the Footbridge Beach to ensure that Plover adults and chicks will not be disturbed.

D) ADJOURNMENT:

Pam Sawyer made a motion to adjourn at 7:34;
Doug Meyer seconded.