

OGUNQUIT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting minutes for Thursday, August 17, 2017

Present – Bill Baker, Doug Mayer, Bill Lee, Pam Sawyer,

Excused - Cindy Douglass

Minutes for 6/15/15 – Pam Sawyer moved to have the June 2017 minutes approved; Doug Meyer seconded. Minutes approved.

2016 Ogunquit River Watershed Water Final Report – Doug Meyer observed that for years water sampling has been done; he thought that FB Environmental might be taking this sampling a step further. Bill Baker suggested that they talk next time about Phase II that will address some of the problems found in the DNA analyses in the 2016 report.

Wells Beach Conference – Bill Baker reported on how valuable this conference was especially the Maine state geologists' presentation and an UNH grad student studying the endangered Saltmarsh Sparrow. Bill Lee observed that this was our warning for sea level rise, since this bird makes its nest in the marsh and has a narrow window of hatching its eggs. Bill Baker has the conference notes and will send them to any interested ConCom members and residents.

Code of Ethics – Pam has taken the 11 page document Ogunquit is considering and divided it into four logical documents as is done in many businesses and organizations she has worked for. These include: A Code of Ethics; A Conflict of Interest document to be signed yearly by every board member; a Communications Policy, and the responsibilities of each committee board. Bill Lee confirmed this has been true in his experience as well. Pam Sawyer has

forwarded these four documents to the Select Board for their attention.

Tick sheet – Pam Sawyer has posted this tick information sheet in many places where the public is likely to see it. These have been removed from the Dog Park for some reason Pam noticed. Pam should be thanked for her work to further publicize the tick problem in this area.

Public display for environmental awards - Rather than have the Select Board work on this, Pam Sawyer suggested that this be given to Pat Finnegan, the new town manager, to work on. Bill Baker affirmed that was his second suggestion.

ConCom projects given new town manager – Bill Baker will see Pat Finnegan and ask her for her thoughts about a display area for these environmental awards given to the town and to the Conservation Commission.

Updates of materials used by lawn and garden companies on Ogunquit properties for next season – Bill Baker suggested that the Commission see Scott about asking all lawn and garden companies operating in Ogunquit to submit the products they intend to use for the 2018 season. Bill Lee suggested that Scott also ask for the EPA registration number of each product. Doug Meyer pointed out that this information should be passed on to the Conservation Commission when Scott receives it from each lawn care company.

Select Board liaison – Bill Baker suggested that the Select Board members are busy enough without having to attend town committee meetings and further explained that he had been sending all Conservation Commission materials to our current liaison, Bob Winn, who had remarked sometime ago he thought we were doing fine without him being there. On the other hand, members thought that a liaison is valuable

when a committee or the Commission needs Select Board help, such as a proposed ordinance. Bill Lee suggested we have an 'on call' Select Board liaison.

Other – Doug Mayer suggested that any new parking lot being proposed have a BMP (Best Management Practices) installed to control car pollution and that could be discussed as a possible ordinance, as recommended by Brian Aramando, town resident.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:18.