

**Ogunquit Conservation Commission
Minutes for Thursday, February 15, 2018
Dunaway Center, 6:30 pm**

Present: Bill Baker, Bill Lee, Cindy Douglass, Pamela Sawyer

Excused: Doug Mayer

Guests: Pat Finnigan (Town Manager), Scott Heyland (Code Enforcement Officer)

January 8 Minutes: Bill Lee made the motion to accept the January 18, 2018 minutes; seconded by Pamela Sawyer, motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

1. Changes in Shoreland Zoning Code

Scott Heyland, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), explained in detail the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinances that speak to Stream Protection and building setbacks. Currently Ogunquit has more stringent requirements than the State; the proposed ordinances would be the same as the State requirements. These will be part of the Town Warrant ballot to be voted on in June. Mr. Heyland said that this section of the ordinances would be on a separate ballot line item, plus an explanation of what the changes are and mean. He also stated that the Planning Board was holding a workshop on February 26, 2018 that would discuss the Stream Protection Ordinance.

2. Dog beach and parking lot rules

The Committee discussed the how to better enforce the current Dog regulations and ways to enforce them (plus make sure receptacles for dog waste bags were always full). A mailing (in March) was proposed to owners of dogs with dog licenses reminding them of current regulations. Scott Heyland stated that dog license(s) renewals were not due until October. The committee expressed the need for additional posting of Dog regulations especially in areas visible to tourists i.e. Chamber of Commerce, US Post Office, parking lots, town website, etc. All parking town lots with parking attendants need to pass out information to dog owners during the summer season. The possibility of community service officers taking a more active role in enforcing dog regulations and imposing citations/fines for violations in the summer was discussed. Town Manager, Pat Finnigan took this all under advisement.

3. Ogunquit CC environmental Award -The Committee is currently vetting a potential candidate to be announced at a later date.

4. Mulch usage - Cindy Douglass is continuing to research this topic; what is used and where it comes from. An area of concern is the Library Gardens.

The town CEO sent a letter to landscaping companies last year requesting they supply him with a list of the herbicides and pesticides being used on lawns in Ogunquit. He stated that he did not receive any response. He stated that he will resend the request

again. The Committee expressed concern over the mulch also being used i.e. what is contains and where is comes from.

5. Conservation Commission presentation at Select Board Workshop March 20, 2018

Committee discussed what to present at the SB Workshop. After some discussion, Pat Finnigan stated this was the time for the Committee to “shine” and encouraged the committee to present what they do and their accomplishments. Pamela Sawyer offered to put together a draft presentation for the committee to review.

6. Maine Board of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting

Bill Baker will attend the meeting in Brunswick on March 10, 2018. Deidra Standfield (Maine Conservation Corps) is the guest speaker and will be discussing conservation projects and trails.

Other Business

Committee needs a date for cleaning trails and is seeking people to help with the work. It was suggested that Bob Winn be contacted to see if he could get high school students to help with the trail clean-up, also people from Great Works. The possibility of using scout troops was also proposed.

Bill Baker thanked both Scott Heyland and Pat Finnigan for contributing and attending the meeting.

Adjournment – Cindy Douglass made a motion for adjournment at 7:45 pm; Pamela Sawyer seconded, motion carried.

Bill Baker
Chair, Ogunquit Conservation Commission