



OGUNQUIT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 15th, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chair Doug Mayer.

Roll Call Taken:

Present: Doug Mayer, Pamela Sawyer, Val Kauffman, Laura Brogan

Excused Absences: Bill Lee, Bill Woods

Guests: CEO Scott Heyland, community members

Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes from the July meeting by Laura Brogan, seconded by Val Kaufmann.

Ongoing Business:

Status of signage on the Beach, Dunes, and Estuary:

- “No Trespassing” signs (reflecting the fine increase to \$200) are still not up. CEO to follow up again with Town Manager.

Beach Water Testing:

- Maine Healthy Beaches has not had an advisory in August. The last advisory was in early July. While posted on the MHB website, it was not posted at Little Beach or Riverside. Pamela to follow up with Lifeguard Captain JP.
- Discussion of whether or not the necessary bids have been sent out to move forward with Phase 2 of the Ogunquit River Watershed Grant. CEO believed they had not yet been sent out. Conservation Commission will draft letter to Town Manager. Laura Brogan will follow up with FB Environmental.

New Business:

Letter from the CEO to Lawn Care Businesses:

- Review and discussion of the letter sent out in July to area lawn care businesses reminding them of Ogunquit’s Pesticide Ordinance.

Request for Pesticide Waiver:

- Request for Pesticide Waiver for private residence on School Street received by CEO, and forwarded to Con Com Chair. The resident is seeking a waiver to treat a wasp infestation. Waiver granted by CEO under 1.1.04 “Hazardous Insects.”
- Discussion if a standardized waiver request form had been drafted, per discussion at July meeting. Pamela to follow up with Bill Lee.

Use of MEC AMINE- D in Ogunquit:

- Bill Lee submitted in writing to Chair that he had encountered a lawn care business applying MEC AMINE-D in the vicinity of his home. Discussion of if this was a substance permitted under the pesticide ordinance? CEO and Commission conclude it is not permitted. CEO to follow up with that business.

Other:

- Application to the Planning Board regarding a proposed commercial building at the former Gibbs Gas Station site received by Chair Doug Mayer. Documents available online.

Resignation:

- Bill Woods submitted his resignation to the Chair. His travel schedule makes meeting attendance a challenge. Resignation accepted.

Bio-Solids:

- Follow up discussion of Bio-Solids and if they were ever spread in Ogunquit. Reference to Press Herald Article 8/15. Val Kauffman to continue looking into the history of Bio-Solid spreading in Ogunquit.

Future Goals of Conservation Commission:

- Brief discussion on what the Commission should prioritize as goals. Pamela will email a draft of ideas she has to Con Com members for ongoing discussion.

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Val Kauffman, seconded by Laura Brogan.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:30 at the Dunaway Center.

Respectfully Submitted by Laura Brogan