

Ogunquit Conservation Commission Minutes for January 21, 2016

Present: Bill Baker, Bill Lee, Pam Sawyer, Margaret Weeks (non-member)

Excused: Doug Mayer, Glenn Deletetsky, Kristin Rinaldi

1. **Budget** - Bill Baker described the items in our budget and there was much discussion about the purpose and intention of each.

2. **Higher fines for dune trespass and dogs illegally on the beach** – There was a suggestion that we should check with the police to see if fines were being enforced and collected before raising the fines on each of these. Pam volunteered to check with the police. More discussion about this in February.

A further suggestion was made to check with the Chamber and ask that the ordinances regarding dune trespass and dogs on the beach be a part of their packet sent to businesses. Pam volunteered to work with the Chamber on this.

Bill Baker pointed out that dogs were often walked to the left of the ramp, despite the sign that indicated no dogs should be walked in that direction. Pam thought that the sign might be confusing; Bill Lee suggested that the words, '**AT ANY TIME**' should be added to that part of the sign to make it clearer.

Doug Tallamy – Bill described Tallamy's background and concern with native plants and discussion ensued whether to assist the Marginal Way Committee to bring this speaker to Ogunquit. Members wanted to have time to check out his work and a decision will be made next month.

Annual Environmental Award – Bill Lee suggested that this award could be split into two awards, one recognizing a citizen and another recognizing a business. A decision will be made in February regarding these awards.

Website Blog – Bill Baker explained his frustration with having our Conservation Commission website buried on the town site, especially since he writes weekly columns or blogs often helpful to homeowners or about some aspect of Ogunquit - our concerns and environment.

Ogunquit River 319 Grant – Phase II – Bill Baker explained Maine DEP’s wish for targeted areas and conclusions reached by the end of this project regarding bacterial problems in the watershed.

Ogunquit River Coastal Grant – Bill Baker explained the hope that this grant would bring all the towns in the watershed together to trace and eliminate as well as possible sources of bacterial problems.

Bill Lee made the motion for adjournment and Pam Sawyer seconded shortly before 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Baker
Chair