

**Ogunquit Conservation Commission
Minutes for the meeting of February 18**

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

1. The Conservation Commission expressed regret at Glenn Deletetsky's resignation. Glenn felt he has had too many conflicts with our meetings and felt it in the best interest of the Commission to resign. We will miss his many contributions and intelligent insights.

2. National Pesticide Forum speaker from the ConCom – The Commission will ask several people who were initially involved with the changes in ordinance that led to the current ordinance banning pesticides here to speak at the forum on April 16.

3. 10 Questions for the Comprehensive Plan Survey – The Commission discussed a rough draft of 10 questions for the Comprehensive Plan Survey since each town committee or commission has been asked to submit these to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. These questions and answers will be finalized in time to meet the March 15 deadline.

4. Higher fines for illegal dune trespass and dogs on the beach – The Conservation Commission will recommend that the current fine of \$50 for trespassing on our fragile dunes be increased to \$500 and strictly enforced.

Pam Sawyer learned from the police chief that there were 28 illegal dog violations last year. Discussion centered on how these violations were the tip of the iceberg and the real figure would probably be in the 100s since few dog violations are reported. Pam will check with Crane Beach and Plum Island about their fines and we will consider this in March.

5. Doug Tallamy – speaker – Members felt we would like to support the Marginal Way Committee and the other organizations involved with a \$100 contribution to his fees when he signs his contract to come to Ogunquit to speak.

6. Annual Environmental Award – After much discussion, the commission followed Bill Lee's suggestion to award a Life Time

Achievement Award to Mike and Helen Horn for the much valued work for their differing conservation efforts for the town and to highlight those businesses that have made an effort to adopt some of the best conservation practices, with the award this year going to Sarah Diment of the Beachmere.

7 . Website Blog – Bill Lee had many good suggestions for our weekly column or blog on ogunquitconservation.org.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.