

Ogunquit Conservation Commission
Minutes for Thursday, October 20, 2016
Dunaway Center, 6:30 pm

Present: Bill Baker, Doug Mayer, Bill Lee, Cindy Douglass
Excused: Pam Sawyer
Also present: Mary Ross

September Minutes: Doug Mayer made a motion to approve the September minutes, seconded by Bill Lee. Motion Carried

Bassett property – Doug Mayer described this 40 acre property and explained how two woods roads, one east, the other west within the property, could be connected by a trail. Bill Lee will suggest possible Wednesday morning dates for a trail marking with a trail to be completed in the spring.

Cindy Douglass will research if another entity such as a land conservation trust can own land purchased in whole or in part with town monies.

Possible new conservation land – Discussion centered on and it was decided that the Conservation Commission should reestablish a conservation land reserve fund come budget time.

Sand testing needed – Doug suggested that the committee should keep aware of any problems resulting from poison that might have been used to discourage river rats near the beach. Bill Lee wondered if final testing of the dead gull found in July had been completed and reported to the town. Apparently the town has not received results yet.

Dunes – ‘Saddle’ area – The Conservation Commission is aware of the erosion that has occurred in this area and that the dune grass seems to have stabilized the erosion for the time being.

Dog Warden – more hours – Rather than recommend more hours for the dog warden, Bill Baker suggested and it was decided that suitable disposal containers for dog waste bags should be recommended for the Main beach entrance. Cindy Douglass suggested a container should also be placed at the Footbridge beach entrance.

Norseman Lane – Discussion focused on whether this was a town road or not. Bill Baker will ask the town for some clarification.

Beach parking lot drain pipe – Bill Baker pointed out that we have just experienced unusually high tides; Doug suggested that the drought allowed sand to perhaps accumulate at the pipe's opening. The Commission will keep aware of this possible problem.

Walkway and pier project application – The Conservation Commission decided not to approve this project since our mission is to protect out natural resources and the resource protection zone.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

Bill Baker,
Chair