

Ogunquit Conservation Commission
Minutes for Thursday, January 19, 2017
Dunaway Center, 6:30 pm

Present: Bill Baker, Doug Mayer, Bill Lee, Pam Sawyer, Cindy Douglass

Observers and participants: Margaret Weeks, Mary and Kirsten Ross, Paul Breen

November Minutes: Cindy Douglass made the motion to accept November's Minutes, Pam Sawyer seconded. Motion carried.

Cindy's Report: Cindy Douglass reported that the town treasurer told her that if town monies were used to buy a piece of land, then the town would have to own the land. Doug Mayer asked if town owned land could be given to a non-profit, such as Great Works Land Trust.

Cindy volunteered to get the town treasurer's reasoning behind his position as well ask if Ogunquit land could be given to a non-profit.

PFCs – Captain Thomas PFCs testing?

Bill Baker gave some background behind this potential problem; Kirsten Ross also supplied helpful information regarding the EPAs change in 'healthful levels' in humans. Doug Mayer suggested more information may be needed regarding health risks. Pam Sawyer agreed to investigate this further, with help from Kirsten Ross.

Environmental Award:

A candidate was suggested; Cindy Douglass volunteered to look further into this possibility.

Ogunquit River Coastal Communities Grant:

Bill Baker described this grant project and explained that the finished grant project should be released soon.

Environmental online sites:

Bill briefly described three useful environmental sites; Margaret Weeks had visited the Gulf of Maine Institute. Cindy Douglass volunteered to visit there. Doug Mayer suggested that if Cindy thought it relevant, the Conservation Commission Board might visit as a group.

Remaining 2016-17 Budget and GIS flyover monies:

Bill stated the money left in the budget and what it could be used for. After some discussion, Cindy Douglass made the motion to first use the money left for the July 14 Beach conference at Wells High School; then money for an Environmental Award plaque, the remaining money for the GIS flyover; Pam Sawyer seconded, motion carried.

Saturday, January 28, Budget Hearing:

Bill Baker described what he planned to say at the budget hearing regarding the Conservation Land Fund.

Norseman Lane –

Bill stated that the town owns this road, though there seemed to be some disagreement with the Norseman owners about how wide the town road is – 40' or 50'. Bill suggested that the town fix the erosion on the river side with rip rack and proper drainage.

Other –

Paul Breen described the newest Marginal Way fix from the lighthouse north.

Adjournment:

Bill Lee made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm; Doug seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Baker,
Chair