

Ogunquit Conservation Commission  
Minutes for Thursday, January 18, 2018  
Dunaway Center, 6:30 pm

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

**Attending: Phil Cavaretta**

**November Minutes:**

Cindy Douglass made a motion to approve the November minutes with the correction of the spelling of a name; Doug Mayer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Select Board Workshop**

'Background Memo for Select Board'

The Commission's purpose is to protect our waterways, beaches, dunes and wetlands; to map, index and preserve Ogunquit's open spaces including marshes, wetlands and wildlife habitats, and, to support a conservation land fund for the acquisition, development and citizen's use of public conservation areas. Our role is to also work in an advisory capacity for the Select Board on Ogunquit Conservation matters. Current members include, Bill Baker, Chair; Doug Mayer, Vice-Chair, Bill Lee, Pam Sawyer, and Cindy Douglass.

The Ogunquit Conservation Commission's objectives include:

- To work with FP Environmental Associates and the town to ensure FP Environmental Associates

obtaining a continuation of Ogunquit's 319 Grant this year;

- To defend against any attempts to degrade Ogunquit's beach and dunes by supporting summer beach policing and ensuring the fencing is in good shape;
- To protect our wetlands and wildlife habitats for our endangered species;
- To protect our town's conservation land, and to develop trails in the Ogunquit Town Woods.

1. Select Board questions

a. Right number of Commission members?

- Currently we have 5 members. 5 – 7 members seems ideal for us.

b. Residents only? Allow any property owner?

- There are only full time residents at this time.
- The Town Charter, Article VIII, Boards, Committees, Commissions, Section 801 does allow for nonresidents and any property owner to be on the Commission (with Select Board Approval) provided they do not outnumber voting residents.

c. Certain skills for future members?

- The overriding factors governing appointments should be a candidate's interest in doing the conservation job needed by the town: open space and wetlands protection.
- Since this goal requires a continual, firm commitment to conservation, persons who have no conflict of interest and who relate well to others should be selected.
- The commission should represent a variety of interests, skills, and backgrounds.
- An engineer, a biologist, a naturalist and a lawyer may prove especially helpful. Knowledge of soils is useful.

d. Ideas to keep members and attract new members?

- Be more visible.

2. Need staff support Select Board liaison? Collaboration with other committees?

a. Madeline Mooney is our Select Board liaison. She will be contacted when needed.

b. The Conservation Commission might meet with the Marginal Way Committee several times a year since we are both concerned with conservation matters.

c. The Conservation Commission works with the Planning Board as an advisory on environmental matters.

3. Obstacles to accomplishing what is wished?

None.

4. Ideas to improve ability to do the work?

Not needed.

5. Ideas to improve the town?

Our purpose is to work toward a cleaner environment.

OTHER:

Phil Cavaretta was at the meeting and asked for help and guidance in working with the town's organic ordinance.

The Commission will work with Phil and others on this project.

E) ADJOURNMENT

Doug Mayer made a motion to adjourn at 7:59; Cindy Douglass seconded, meeting adjourned.

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