



Ogunquit Conservation Commission Minutes
Thursday, October 25, 2018 Dunaway Center, 6:30 pm

Present: Doug Mayer, Pamela Sawyer, Laura Brogan, Bill Lee

Excused Absent: Bill Wood, Cindy Douglass

Guests: Valerie Kaufman (new applicant for Conservation Commission)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Doug Mayer.

Minutes from August 16, 2018

Minutes were approved after being amended to say “Interpretative Signs”; motion to accept by Bill Lee, seconded by Laura Brogan. There were no minutes from the September; it was canceled due to the lack of a quorum.

Old Business:

1. Doug reminded everyone that all Commission Members need to sign the Ogunquit Code of Ethics for Boards and Committees, if they have not already done so.
2. After the November 6th election, new signage reflecting the fines proposed by the Conservation Commission for trespassing on the dunes and restrictions on Dogs on the beach and estuary areas will be installed.
3. The State has required that the wood posts and roping along the dunes be removed to deter predators from poaching on the plovers. The Town Manager is responsible for the removal. It is unclear as to what fencing will/or will not be installed to prevent people from trespassing on the dunes.
4. Commission will reassess their goals and objectives after the November 6th election and the outcome of the vote on the “Citizens Petition” to accept the Comprehensive Plan as currently written.
5. The Commission continues to recruit new members. Wendy Levine has expressed an interest in possibly joining.
6. Doug Mayer attended a lecture at Laudholm Farms regarding the increasing and preserving Conservation land for the benefit of the Public. He discussed this with the committee.
7. Laura Brogan reported that “Love Shack Juicery” has lost interest in doing a beach clean-up at this time.

8. ConCom continues to speak with CEO regarding the Ordinances concerning the monitoring of septic systems, reporting of systems that have failed, and enforcement of fixing failed systems: especially those that are near the watershed areas, streams, river and beach. Currently there are no requirements or enforcement mechanisms to correct failed systems in the Town ordinances. It is the responsibility of the CEO to follow-up on reports to that office about the possibility of a failed system.
9. The discussion about the management of storm water continues. The committee needs more information about the Town's waste water management plan.

New Business

1. Doug Mayer is investigating properties in Ogunquit that would be deemed appropriate to bring forth to the Town to consider acquiring to increase the percentage of Conservation land. He is speaking with Maine Coast Heritage Trust, the Nature Conservatory and GWRLT for potential joint ventures/ideas, etc.
2. The discussion of the pro and cons of the use of leaf blowers was brought up. Are they a public health problem or noise pollution problem? Commission does not have sufficient empirical data to discuss at this time.
3. Doug reminded the Commission that we need to address the topic of internal elections: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk for the Commission at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm. Next meeting is November 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Dunaway Center

Respectively Submitted: Pamela Sawyer, Conservation Commission