



OGUNQUIT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes Thursday February 28, 2019 6:30 PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chair Doug Mayer
Roll Call Taken:
Present: Doug Mayer, Bill Woods, Valerie Kaufmann, Pamela Sawyer, Cindy Douglass, Bill Lee
Excused Absences: Laura Brogan
Guests: Madeline Mooney SB Liaison, Peter Kahn, JP Argenti Lifeguard Captain, Everett Leach

Minutes

A motion was made by Bill Woods, seconded by Val Kaufmann to accept the minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting with amendments.

Election of New Slate of Officers

A motion was made by Cindy Douglass and seconded by Bill Woods to nominate Doug Mayer as Chair and Pamela Sawyer as Vice Chair; motion carried, vote 6-0 to elect. Doug agreed to be the Chair until the next election upon which Pamela Sawyer said she would accept the position of Chair. Cindy Douglass agreed to be the Clerk; vote 6-0 to elect.

On-Going Business

Status of Signage on the Beach reflecting the increase in fines approved on the November ballot.

- New signs reflecting \$200 fine for “Trespassing on the Dunes and No Dogs” are not in place yet. Town Manager has told Doug Mayer they will be up by April at the beach, dunes, river and estuary. The Commission agreed that a 1st warning **should not be given** but a \$200 citation instead. There is no way to track if someone has been given a previous warning.
- Cindy Douglass to speak with Inland Fisheries regarding the status of ‘Interruptive Signs’ and who has taken over for Lindsey Tudor.
- Per the Town Manager, most of the post and rope fencing has been removed. To date, nothing has been installed in its place. There is talk of putting up stakes and twine as a line of demarcation between the beach and the sand. The Commission feels it must be a clearly visible delineation to stop trespassing on the dunes. Chair, Doug Mayer said that there was damaged fencing on the river side of the beach. Pamela Sawyer noted there is still snow fencing north of the Footbridge heading to North Beach on the ocean side.

- Beach Water Testing. The lifeguards will again be collecting water samples once a week during the season, which are then picked by “Maine Healthy Beaches” for analysis. There was discussion as to when samples should be collected. The Commission and Lifeguard Captain agreed it should be on out-going tide (3/4 tide) for accurate readings. The water sample collection was a line item that showed up in the ConCom Budget. It has been requested to the Town Manager that it be reflected in the Lifeguard Budget instead: rationale the Commission would be the only committee with a Town Employee (with benefits) in their budget thus setting a precedent for other committees.
- Everett Leach has expressed interest in being an alternate member of the Commission. The Commission currently has 7 members.

New Business

Ogunquit Playhouse Ordinance Change Request

The Planning Board weighed in positively on the new SG3 District proposed by the OGT Playhouse and will be bringing forth their communication to the SB. The new SG3 District will incorporate the RP zone and SLC into one District. The Committee’s initial concern is that the RP zone and area around the Josiah River is protected. At present this is only a request for an ordinance change, no master building plans have been presented other than some conceptual ideas, and it must be voted on by the citizens in June.

The Commission is seeking a meeting with CEO Scott Heyland to discuss this in more detail.

Budget

Pam Sawyer gave a quick over view of the ConCom Budget. The total being presented is \$22,275. It includes the FBE -319 Grant Match III, FBE – 2019 Water Quality Monitoring etc. Doug and Pam are meeting Pat Finnigan to present it with the rationale on March 6, 2019. The Commission will also be seeking \$25,000 to be added to the restricted Conservation Land account to purchase additional Town protected land.

Obed’s Lot

Cindy Douglass stated that the Commission should not support any paving of Obed’s Parking Lot.

8 p.m. Motion to Adjourn: Cindy Douglass, seconded by Pam Sawyer, motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Dunaway Center

Respectfully Submitted: Pamela Sawyer