



Ogunquit Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes March 21, 2019 6:30 PM

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Present: J. Douglas Mayer, Cindy Douglass, Pam Sawyer, Val Kaufmann, Bill Lee in attendance

Excused absences: Bill Woods, Laura Brogan

Minutes: February 28, 2019 accepted with one correction on date to be changed

Ongoing Business:

Status of signage on the beach: Animal Control officer Everett Leach, spoke to this issue saying the warning signs for dogs on the beach have been ordered and include the new fines. Twenty-eight signs are being created by the Town of Wells at their sign manufacturing facility. Leach also informed the commission that Audubon has requested the Town install plover protection signs every fifty feet along the base of the dunes.

Removal of posts and rope: All have been removed and will be replaced by stake and twine at the base of the dunes as requested by Audubon. Re-establishment of snow fencing which has been part of our dune protection for more than a decade was rejected by Audubon.

Beach water testing: On hold until two additional sites have been established.

Ogunquit Playhouse request to change zoning ordinance: Cheryl Farley and Kent Bridges represented the playhouse in fielding questions from commission members. The Resource Protection Zone has been re-established, however concerns were raised about the creation of a manufacturing zone and with its proximity to the river, what safeguards will be put in place to protect that resource. Additionally, this rezoning would create a zone that has never existed in Ogunquit and commission members wished to see a more definitive description of the proposed manufacturing facility and what oversight would be in place to assure its integrity. Members were also concerned about the long-term impact the rezoning would have on air quality, traffic, water/sewer demands for an already over-stressed Route 1 corridor. Concern was raised about the possibility of combining lots #42 and #43 for increased lot coverage. No answers were provided by playhouse representatives but the commission was assured that any and all future plans would need to go through planning board review.

2019-2020 Budget:

Commission Budget has been submitted to the budget review committee in the amount of \$22,135. Last year's budget was \$19,000.

\$25 was requested to be put into the Conservation Land Fund Restricted Account

New Business

Planning Board Site Plan Reviews

Doug did a site walk on several properties in Ogunquit to ascertain there would be no violations of a storm water management plan. The sites were; 2 Grasshopper Lane, Hoyts Lane, Abalonia On Route 1 and Riverbank Road.

MEACC Annual Conference: will be held on April 27, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Brunswick at Curtis Memorial Library. Those wishing to attend should speak with Doug.

Adjournment: Moved by Bill Wood; seconded by Cindy Douglass at 8:05 PM