



OGUNQUIT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes Thursday June 19, 2019, 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, Bill Lee, Laura Brogan
Guest: Scott Heyland CEO

Minutes

Motion was made to accept minutes from May meeting minutes made by Bill Woods, seconded by Bill Lee.

On going Business

Status of Signage on the Beach, Dunes and Estuary

- Scott Heyland stated that all the “No Dog” signs would be up by the end of the week and that he had ordered “No Trespassing on Dunes” signs that reflect the new fines for on the beach or estuary. He will be our contact person for signage.
- Bill Lee to contact the Biologist for the State of Maine Wildlife Inland & Fisheries to determine what is the best type of signpost to use that would preclude the perching of avian predators.

Beach Water Testing

- Megan Simms from Maine Healthy Beaches met with Ogunquit lifeguards and Pam Sawyer to teach them how to obtain water samples for testing. There are 5 sites which will be tested weekly. If Enterococci levels are above 104 per 100ml of sample water, testing will be repeated.
- Scott Heyland will be notified since he is the “Health Officer”. Any decisions to post an “Advisory” or “Beach Closure” sign based on the monitoring results will be determined by the Town Manager who is also the Beach Manager.
- An “Advisory” lasts until there is no longer a health risk and tests results are within normal levels. A beach advisory still allows the public to use the beach but advises them not to use the water.
- A” Closure” is more severe than an “Advisory” and is based on chronic bacteria results or when conditions greatly increase pollution levels.
- Lifeguards are responsible to post the signs at the direction of the Town Manager.

June Town Meeting Warrant

- Ogunquit Playhouse Zoning Ordinance passed. The Commission will be vigilante when actual site plans are brought forth to the CEO and Planning Board.

Bio-Solid Wastes

- Valerie Kaufmann contacted the Superintendent of the OSD, Phil Pickering, to find out where sludge from the plant is taken, when was the last time any sludge was purchased from the OSD to be spread in farms in Ogunquit if at all, what is the difference between sludge v grit and where is grit disposed of. She reported back her finding to the Commission.
- Commission had some additional questions of OSD which Val will follow up with.
- Commission needs to discuss what they want to do with this information.

New Business

- Scott Heyland reminded the Commission of the up-coming Planning Board Meeting on repair projects to the Marginal Way.
- A pesticide waiver was granted to a resident for a one-time tree treatment for Emerald Ash Borer by Lee Tree. Discussion on should the Commission publish a list of non-allowable pesticides and herbicides again, and should a letter go out reminding business and homeowners what is allowed. No final decision was made.
- Laura Brogan updated the Commission on information she learned from the **Healthy Beach conference** she attended on June 7th. Laura stated that the conference was excellent and that she learned a lot and shared with the Commission. Pam said she would send all the members of the Commission copies of the FB Environmental, Phase I, II and III agreement and reports depicting protecting the Watershed and what has and will be done in OGT and the estuary.
- A brief discussion was started to begin to evaluate the pros and cons of when residents who have their septic systems pumped should they also have them inspected to see if the systems are working properly.
- A suggestion was made to have a beach and estuary “clean-up” day. No date or time was set.

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Bill Lee, seconded by Laura Brogan.

Respectfully Submitted by Pamela Sawyer