

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday October 5, 2023

Attendance Members: Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Dale Pierson, and John Meyer; Associate Members: Ingrid Mroz. Tom Gorrill, Matt Bonner (GRLT) by Zoom.

Public Comments: None

Announcements/Communications:

- Newsletter inputs requested by 10/20
- Ken: After nearly ten years, Dan is resigning from the CC. We thank Dan for all the work he has done on the Town solar array, climate change issues and as Secretary.

Modifications of Agenda: None

Minutes: Motion by John to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by Dale. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Fort Point Project: (Ken)

- Construction resumed three weeks ago after a five-week hiatus. Currently working on a section of a boardwalk.
- Trail Extension: Work at the Point is nearly complete. Picnic table pads are still an open item, but the State is willing to pay for additional work, just waiting for estimate from KTC.
- The archaeological report is available and Ken will distribute soon.
- After the recent rains the trail showed no damage and weather permitting the work should be completed by the end of November.
- Future projects: Erosion control, shore access with possible stairs for low tide trail and improved parking.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- GRLT: Helping with the Town's purchase of an 80-acre lot on Old Woods Farm. An appraisal is complete based on the fact that the lot is unbuildable.
- MCHT: CC will get their advice on a possible legacy donation of a parcel to the Town.
- KCCC: Zoom meeting was held on September 14th. Discussed using St. George Green Energy Tour as a model. Will discuss "Dark Skies" at the next meeting in December.
- MEACC: Annual meeting on October 21st in Brunswick,

Trails: (John M.)

- Maintenance: Removed blowdowns in Les Hyde trail.
- Jones Brook: Will meet with Matt (GRLT) about the new route on the Historical Society property at 8AM on October 23rd. Will try to start work on the trail the following week.

Invasives: (Ken for John K.)

- Dale and John wrote an item in the Newsletter on Japanese Knotweed (aka Himalayan Balsam)

Events and Education: (Ken for John K)

- Other items may include Jumping Worms.

Website Update: (John M.) Nothing new.

Climate Change: (Dan)

- Resilience Committee: Next meeting scheduled for October 25th at 5PM.
- Sebago: Meeting with the SB is scheduled for October 17th.
- Met with Leticia on September 26th. Finalized Advanced SLR App and Tide Tracker App. Leticia can attend future meetings to answer any questions. Richard and Ken can find volunteers to train in the use of the Tracker App in the field.

New Business

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here

Select Board Update: (Steve) Not here.

Motion to adjourn by Dan. Seconded by John. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo