

ST. GEORGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2017

The Conservation Commission met at 4:00 PM. Present were Ryan LeShane, Ken Oelberger, Terry Brackett, Joss Coggeshall, Suzanne Hall, Ingrid Mroz, Anita Siegenthaller, Tammy Willey, and Alison England.

Minutes from December 1, 2016 meeting were corrected and it was moved by Joss to accept, second by Ingrid. Motion unanimous to accept.

Old Business

Alewife Restoration/Watershed Study

Alison England thanked the commission for their support of the restoration effort. Discussion of what agencies could be involved in the planning and future implementation of the report recommendations was addressed. Joss noted that Department of Marine Resources, NOAA, and IF&W have been helpful so far. Maine Rivers is also a suggested resource. Alison has plans for study of the upper marsh and watershed. She has applied for a grant from Natural Resources of Maine. A study of vernal pools looking for significant vernal pools may be done on the Bamford property with MCHT support. Alison plans to involve 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in these projects.

Footpaths

The work on the Rt. 131 road signs for the Jones Brook area trails is ongoing and must be coordinated with DOT.

Meadowbrook/Bamford property. No new news.

High Island

Another cleanup in the next two months is planned (weather permitting).

Education

The subcommittee continues to work on three topics:

Spring- Wildlife Habitat

Summer- A clamming presentation at the boat shop in Tenants Harbor is being explored.

Fall- Corvids

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Solar

Joss reported on possible solar projects for St George. The net metering uncertainty means the figures for 20-40 years out are uncertain and we would be unable to recommend a project at this time. Two nearby towns have recently completed photo voltaic systems, Rockport and Whitefield.

Watts Cove

The float application has been sent back to the Planning Board by the Appeals Board.

New Business

Energy Audit

The Select Board has asked if the Commission would take on an Energy Audit of town buildings. Some research into an energy audit for the town as was done before which resulted in some energy conservation. Tammy took the action to find the results of the prior audit. We will address this at the next meeting when we have additional information to base a decision on.

Planning Board Terry had nothing to report beyond the Watts Cove discussion.

Select Board Nothing to report

Joss moved to adjourn, second Ingrid, the motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Joss Coggeshall
Acting Secretary