

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday February 2, 2017

Attendance: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Les Hyde, Ingrid Mroz, Ryan LeShane, Suzanne Hall, Anita Siegenthaler, Tammy Willey and Terry Brackett.

Announcements:

- 10 Cold Storage Road design is available.
- GRLT work day at the Langlais Preserve in Cushing this Friday.

Modifications to Agenda: None

Minutes: (Joss) Motion by Ingrid to approve January minutes. Seconded by Dan. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Alewife & Watershed Projects: (Ryan/Joss/Les)

- Reports by Alison England's eighth grade class are available on the Town Website under Documents.
- Les met with Alison last Tuesday: 6th grade class will work on the watershed project, 7th grade will study vernal pools on the Bamford property and the 8th grade class will continue to work on the alewife project and study fish returns.
- Les contacted a state fishery biologist about the Alewife Report recommendations and she gave him State and Federal contacts (for permitting and engineering) and grant advice.
- Joss is in communication with nonprofits (Nature Conservancy, Maine Community Foundation, and Maine Coastal Program) that may be able to provide a turn-key approach so that the Town will have less to handle. Less and Joss will discuss the best approach.

Footpaths: (Ingrid/Ryan)

- Fort Point Trail is in good shape.
- Rt. 131 Signage: signs have arrived. Ingrid and Ryan will look into how to proceed.

High Island/Bamford: (Ken/Ryan)

- High Island: trail work will be done this month weather permitting.
- Bamford: MCHT is seeking a grant for a wide enough trail to transport kayaks to and from the cove. **Motion** (Ken): CC to write a letter supporting the MCHT Bamford trail project. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously. Ingrid will write the letter.

Meadow (Otis) Brook: (Ken) Nothing new.

Education Committee: (Suzanne) Moving forward with these programs

- Spring Topic: Wildlife Habitat
- Summer Topic: Presentation on clamming

Fall Topic: Corvids (good topic for Halloween) Suzanne will draft article for the March April newsletter.

Town Solar: (Dan/Joss)

- On January 31 the MPUC approved the latest revisions to the Net Energy Billing (NEB) rule. The CC Energy Committee will convene to determine if these rules make a solar installation feasible for the Town this year.

Town Energy Audit: (Dan/Joss)

- The CC Energy Committee will meet next Tuesday to discuss the 2008 audit and whether a new audit including the School should be recommended to the Town.

New Business

Budget for 2017-18: (Ken)

- The budget was reviewed and changes recommended. Additional revisions may be recommended pending CC Energy Committee findings and further information on the alewife restoration.

Annual Report: (Ken)

- Topics to cover were discussed. Ken will draft and circulate for comments.

Select Board Update: (Tammy)

- The Board noted the volume of work undertaken by the CC and expressed particular interest in the Alewife Project.

Planning Board Update: (Terry)

- The third Watts Cove floating dock application was declined.
- Pending rip-rap applications.

Motion to adjourn by Les. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo