

## **Finalized Minutes**

### **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday March 2, 2017**

**Attendance:** Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Les Hyde, Ingrid Mroz, Kirk Gentalen, Tammy Willey and Terry Brackett.

**Announcements:** None

**Modifications to Agenda:** None

**Minutes:** Motion by Les to approve February minutes. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Education Committee:** (Ken for Suzanne)

- Spring Topic: Wildlife Habitat April 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. Library requires a \$45 fee. Will look into using Town meeting room. CC is sponsoring.
- Summer Topic: Presentation on clamming. Looking into other partners.
- Fall Topic: Corvids. Don Reimer is available (Kirk)
- Spring 2018 Topic: May be a good time for invasives talk.

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

- All parties will meet with the State Engineer at the marsh on March 21 and at the Town Office for about two hours. Alison will be notified.

**Footpaths:** (Ingrid/Ryan)

- Rt. 131 Signage: Ingrid and Tim Polky will look into how to proceed.
- Trail cleanup is scheduled for May 6th.

**Town Solar:** (Dan/Joss)

- CC Energy Committee met on February 7<sup>th</sup> and recommends that the SB committee reconvene to negotiate a PPA. The committee concluded that the PUC ruling (as currently described) makes solar installations cost effective if completed in 2017.
- Ken will contact Richard Bates to recommend that the SB committee should meet as soon as possible.

**Town Energy Audit:** (Dan/Joss)

- The CC Energy Committee contacted Evergreen to meet with Tim to do an audit for the Town buildings.
- Evergreen will contact Scott Vaitones (St. George School Business Manager) to do an audit at the school.

**High Island/Bamford: (Ken)**

- High Island: trail work postponed due to bad weather. Looking into free boat rides on St. George day on July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Bamford: letter of support for MCHT's grant for a wide enough trail to transport kayaks to and from the cove was submitted.

**Annual Report: (Ken) Submitted**

**Budget for 2017-18: (Ken)**

- Funds for energy audit are in SB budget under unclassified.
- \$20 k for an energy reserve fund will be considered at the next SB meeting.

**Watts Cove:** See Planning Board below

**New Business**

**FY 17-18 Action Plan:**

- **Motion** by Les: Approve plan as amended. Seconded by Joss. Unanimously approved.

**Select Board Update:** (Tammy) Nothing new.

**Planning Board Update:** (Terry)

- Appeals Board has ordered PB to approve the Molloy application for a floating dock on Watts Cove. However, the application the approval is on hold pending on appeal to the Superior Court.
- Members of the CC recommended a reexamination of ordinances for both the PB and Harbor Master to take into account environmental concerns.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo