

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday December 7, 2017

Attendance: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Suzanne Hall, Ryan LeShane, Anita Siegenthaler, Susan Bates and Elizabeth Curtis.

Announcements: Brian Beal will give report on clamming survey on Dec. 19th at Watts Hall in Thomaston. Notice should be placed on Town website.

Modifications to Agenda: Budget discussion added.

Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes made by Joss. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Committee & Commission Reqs.: (Ken) Presented rules for Commissions for discussion.

Footpaths: (Ingrid/Ryan)

- High Island: Trail clearing on November 30th led by Amanda (MCHT).
- Bamford: Amanda rough cut a trail from the parking area to Long Cove. Looking for contractor to do some heavy work. Spring opening.
- Fort Point: Kiosk repaired.
- Meadowbrook: An exploratory walk was conducted on November 28th to begin planning for a future trail and parking area. Several additional explorations will be conducted.
- Ingrid looked into improving footpath information on the Town website. Better links between CC, Parks and Georges River Land Trust sites. Will submit changes in Feb.
- Ken is concerned about chain-saw safety and proposed that all such work is not done alone. We agreed that it should be the practice.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken)

- Meadowbrook property: Steve Walker (MCHT) and Town working on paperwork giving the Town ownership of the property. A management plan will follow. June 2018 deadline.

Town Solar: (Dan/Joss) Summary of SB October meeting

- PUC delayed implementation of the new “net-metering” ruling to May 1, 2018.
- ReVision plans to install the system in mid-January 2018.

Education Committee: (Suzanne)

- Spring Topic on Invasives: Still working on dates (March-April). A speaker will be selected once dates are known.
- Exploring additional talks on invasives for 2018.

Invasives: (Ken for Les) Overview of possible invasive identification/removal projects. General agreement that a “pilot” project should be selected on Town property that is manageable in size and that the school can participate.

Stream Restoration: (Ryan/Joss/Les)

- Resurvey was completed. A fish ladder design is forthcoming with a cost estimate.
- Bank restoration will be studied once the ladder design is received.

New Business

Comprehensive Plan: (Susan Bates) After a discussion of the draft plan, Joss, Ken and Dan agreed to meet next week for a thorough review of the plan.

Select Board Update: (Elizabeth) Reported that Terry is recovering from an accident he had at home.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here.

Budget: Ken will distribute a draft budget based on last year's to discuss at our next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo