

## **Finalized Minutes**

### **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday February 1, 2018**

**Attendance:** Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Ryan LeShane, Tom Gorrill, John Knuerr, Tammy Willey, Terry Bracket, and Wende McIlwain (FOSG).

#### **Announcements:**

- Meadowbrook stakeholders meeting at 7 tonight
- Memorial service for Les this Saturday at 3 PM at First Universalist Church
- Budget review on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM
- Select Board appointed Tom Gorrill to CC (Welcome!)

#### **Modifications to Agenda:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve January minutes as amended made by Ingrid. Seconded by Tom. Approved unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Footpaths:** (Ingrid/Ryan)

- Ingrid will meet with Cherie soon to recommend changes to the Town website concerning trails and preserves.
- Nature trail has two small trees that need removing. 1<sup>st</sup> graders helped to put up chickadee roosting box.
- Tom will take over as volunteer/steward coordinator.
- Ken will purchase a sign making kit from Rockler.

##### **Land Trust Coordination:** (Ken)

- Meadowbrook: Ken and Amanda will write the management plan that is due March 1st. MCHT will submit to MNRCP. A stakeholder's meeting will be held at 7PM tonight.

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

- ReVision Energy is installing the system on the transfer station roof. Will be completed this month.
- Friends of St. George (FOSG) has volunteered to help with the "ribbon cutting" celebration sometime in March.
- Once installed a web link showing system performance will be added to the Town Solar section of the Town website.
- Participation by St. George science class was suggested.
- Deadline for notice in Town Newsletter is February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ryan will take pictures with a licensed drone. Others are encouraged to take pictures of the installation progress.

##### **Education Committee:** (Suzanne) See Invasives

**Invasives: (Ingrid)**

- A draft framework for the invasives project developed at a meeting held January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- A panel discussion will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM led by Amanda. Topics include: Why invasives are a problem, identification, which are the worst for our area, how to eradicate and properly dispose and better replacement options.
- Working on a “walk and talk” sometime in September.
- Working on a St. George class project to map invasives on school property.

**Steam Restoration: (Joss/Dan)**

- Fish ladder: Still waiting on design and costs. Nature Conservancy has engaged Mark Jordan to submit a design.
- Landscaping: Ann Cox (Hedgerow) has agreed to help with a design and cost estimate.
- Amanda and Terry can help with permit applications for any alteration of the stream and banks called for by any of the designs.
- School would like an opportunity to submit their own design.

**Comprehensive Plan: (Ken)**

- Meeting held last Tuesday to address the concerns by the State on the 2013 plan.
- Ken, Joss and Dan will meet on February 13<sup>th</sup> to identify the effects of the proposed plan on the CC.

**New Business**

**Annual Report:** Motion to accept current draft of the Town Annual Report for 2017 by Ingrid. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.

**Select Board Update:** (Tammy) Still working on budget.

**Planning Board Update:** (Terry) The CC recommended that the PB not adjust the Resource Protection Area located on the northern part of Long Cove for a proposed road.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo