

Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday April 5, 2018

Attendance: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Tom Gorrill, Suzanne Hall (on phone), Anita Siegenthaler (FOSG), Ann Cox (Hedgerow).

Announcements: none

Modifications to Agenda: none

Minutes: Motion to approve March minutes made by Tom. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Steam Restoration: (Joss/Dan)

- Fish ladder: Ben Matthews has finished the survey and presented it to Allison England's 7th grade class (Joss and Dan attended). The 3 foot rise may require up to 6 step/pools. Nature Conservancy has engaged Mark Jordan to submit a design.
- Allison's class plans to do a salinity survey.
- Alewife stocking: Oliver Cox (DMR) may stock the marsh this summer (6 per/acre).
- Joss will renew the license to transfer fish over the dam.
- Landscaping: Ann Cox listed the goals for bank reconstruction along Ripley Creek. These goals included: 1. Parking area/firetruck access 2. Steps from the parking area to the creek 3. Path to the library 4. Ice skater/canoe access 5. Removal of invasives and replacement with native species.

Town Solar: (Dan/Joss)

- The solar array on the transfer station roof was turned on April 2nd and all the panels operated as designed.
- The "switch pulling" ceremony is set for April 9th at 3PM followed at 4PM by an information session at the town office. Two classes from St. George School will attend.

Education Committee: (Suzanne)

- A presentation on invasives will be held April 26th at 7 PM. Rebecca Jacobs will give an overview of the invasive problem followed by Amanda Devine talking about invasive removal. Rebecca will close the session with ideas for native species replacements.
- Supportive written materials or sources will be available.

Invasives: (Ingrid)

- "Walk and talk" on invasive plants by Ginny David is penciled in for September 15th.
- Mapping of invasives at Fort Point scheduled for May 21st (Ingrid, Tom and John).

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Talked to Chris Cook (Town website designer) to add a link for trails on home page.
- Trail cleanup scheduled for May 5th with a rain date on the 6th. CC members will supervise at all the trails.
- Chainsaw safety discussed.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken)

- Meadowbrook: The management plan was submitted by MCHT to MNRCP. MCHT has also submitted the paperwork to MNRCP for transfer of the property to the town. Waiting on approval of both items.
- Bamford: Amanda talked to Terry about parking area.
- Clark Island: Open house on May 5th at 1PM.

Comprehensive Plan: (Ken) Nothing new to report

Budget FY19: (Ken) CC budget items accepted. \$10,000 for Clark Island accepted.

New Business

MEACC Conference: (Ken, Tom, Dan) March 10th in Brunswick

- Deidrah Stanchfield talked about Maine Conservation Corps (MCC) turn-key projects.
- Fred Snow discussed open space subdivisions.
- Ken and other town conservation commission members talked about their projects. May be useful to contact them for advice.

Les Hyde Memorial: (Ken) The School Trail may be named in his honor as well as a bench donated by GRLT.

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Not here

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo