

St. George Conservation Commission Finalized Minutes
May 3, 2018

Attendance : The Conservation Commission met with Ken Oelberger, Tom Gorrill, Anne Cox (Hedgerow), Suzanne Hall, Terry Brackett, Ingrid Mroz, Anita Siegenthaler (FOSG), Tammy Willey, Ryan LeShane, and Joss Coggeshall present.

Modifications to Agenda: none

Minutes: It was moved that April's minutes be approved as written by Tom second Ingrid 5-0 for.

Old Business

STREAM RESTORATION: Anne Cox has prepared drawings of the town land at the Ripley Marsh with recommendations for the landscaping plan. It is a beautiful spot with a wonderful view up the marsh. There is a steep access to the water for skaters and canoes and kayaks which should be improved. There are a number of invasive species such as Norway Maple, multiflora rose, and barberry. The goals are to make the access to the water easier and more pleasant, remove invasives and plant more appropriate and aesthetic species. The planting will be appropriate to prevent anything from washing into the culvert.

A survey has now been done of the levels between the culvert and the dam that remains. A plan for a fish friendly structure is being done by Mark Jordan who had done many before this one and knows what works for fish. It will need to be compatible with other species.

TOWN SOLAR: The photovoltaic system at the transfer station was turned on April 9th with a “switch pulling” ceremony. The system is producing what it is designed to. There will be a link on the town website to monitor what it is producing. ReVison is also monitoring the system.

INVASIVES: Ingrid reports good progress has been made in six months. Thirty people came to the educational presentation on invasives. The school students are starting to identify some plants. The charge of the CC to get out information about invasives is ongoing. The top ten, most prevalent, or most dangerous will be developed for distribution to the public. Ingrid and team are learning the mapping tools to record the location of invasives. An exploratory walk is planned on the Ft. Point trail during the week of May 21st with Brent West of GRLT to use the mapping tool.

FOOTPATHS: The trail clean up will be May 5 9-12. The trails have been cleared of heavy obstructions, the Jones Brook, Fort Point, Town Forest, and the School trail will be picked up and small brush clipped back. Some of the trails will need a small amount of work such as bog bridges and water bars.

LAND TRUST COORDINATION: Maine Coast Heritage Trust is proceeding with work on the Bamford property. The Management Plan submitted for the Meadow Brook property is still under review by MNRCP as is the transfer of the property from MCHT to the town. An Open House for Clark Island is scheduled for Saturday May 5th 1-3pm.

EDUCATION: Successful invasive presentation noted above. The date for the Invasive Walk & Talk with GRLT is set for September 15th. Suzanne is going to look into a follow up on the clamming talk for sometime this summer.

COMPRHENSIVE PLAN: The Comp Plan has been finished and will be voted on at Town Meeting. The committee focused on changes required by the state and did not include the CC recommended updates. We will try again in the future revision.

New Business

Maine Association of Conservation Commissions meeting: Ken reports it was an interesting session with good ideas and resources.

Select Board: Nothing to report.

Planning Board: Nothing to report.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ingrid and seconded by Joss, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joss Coggeshall