

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday September 6, 2018

Attendance: Members: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Ryan LeShane, and Suzanne Hall; Also: Terry Brackett

Announcements: none

Modifications to Agenda: none

Minutes: Motion to approve July minutes as amended made by Dan. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Invasives: (Ingrid) Report on Invasives meeting held on July 17th

- Reviewed accomplished goals this year and discussed goals for 2019.
- Student slogans for the school's invasive project were presented. Identified species on school property were entered into the Imap invasives program. The next phase, removal and disposal, was discussed.
- Submitted the "Top 10" invasives suggestions to Nancy Olmstead.
- Nancy will give the "walk and talk" at 10 AM on September 15th at Fort Point. Volunteers will direct excess parking to the Grange.
- PR includes the Town newsletter, an article in the Dragon and posters.
- Joss: An emergency order was issued by the Maine Forest Service for the anticipated emerald ash borer invasion. The order restricts the movement of certain ash products and any untreated firewood from infested towns.

Footpaths: (Ken for Tom)

- Tom made signs for Jones Brook, Fort Point and Town trails. More signs will be made as needed.
- Scheduling trail maintenance for the first week in October.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken)

- Clark Island: The open house held on August 19th was well attended and fund raising is near the matched fund goal of one million dollars. Once met the fund-raising will be directed more to the general public.
- Bamford: Amanda received a permit for a bridge and will submit an application for the parking area permit.
- Meadowbrook: Grant proposal was submitted to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund for trail development. The committee review and award is scheduled for October 25th.

Education Committee: (Suzanne)

- Clamming: A talk given by Dr. Brian Beal of the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research & Education August 9th was well attended. He gave a very frank talk that

opened the eyes of many to the dire need for research for the future health of the clamming industry in Maine.

Stream Restoration: (Joss/Dan)

- Mark Jordan emailed Joss several ideas to create pools downstream from the dam. Permitting for such projects will be problematical and other options will be pursued first.
- One option is to restock the marsh and see if the culvert restoration will be enough for alewives to return.
- We will continue to research other successful projects in Maine.

Website update: (Ken for Tom) Nothing new to report.

Solar System: (Dan/Joss)

- August energy production was well below expectation. The system repeatedly shut off possibly due to overproduction. ReVision is investigating the cause.
- (Note: Joss contacted Tim after the meeting who was not pleased with the underproduction because it means that the Town will have to purchase power from CMP at a higher rate to make up for the shortfall.)

New Business

Officers for FY2019: (Ken) Dan Verrillo was nominated for Secretary by Joss. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.

Memorial for Les: (Ken) The event will be held at the Library on October 20th at 10 AM

- School trail will be renamed in the honor of Leslie Hyde, final name TBD.
- A tree will be planted in his honor.
- A bench and plaque will be dedicated by GRLT.
- Tanglewood will give a trail talk for kids just as Les had done in the past.
- Sharing Circle at the tree dedication where all can share their Les stories.

Select Board Update: (Ken for Tammy)

- July 23rd meeting for all committees and boards was held. An updated Comprehensive Plan was distributed. Committees will be allowed to set their own meeting times.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Nothing new to report.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo