

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday October 4, 2018

Attendance: Members: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Tom Gorriall and Suzanne Hall; Also: Terry Brackett and Anita Siegenthaler

Announcements: Need input for Nov/Dec Town Newsletter (Invasives, Solar, Trail Volunteers ...)

Modifications to Agenda: Renewal of MACC membership

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

Old Business

Invasives: (Ingrid)

- The “walk and talk” on September 15th at Fort Point was informative and well attended (about 27). Nancy Olmstead may give a talk for St. George students in the future.
- Nancy and the CC agreed on a top twelve, “dirty dozen”, invasive removal list.
- Will next meet to determine PR rollout for 2019.
- Joss on ash borer invasion: Joss will meet with Morten Moesswilde, District Forrester, to identify ash trees at Fort Point and the Town Trail. Ingrid suggested he also identify Norway Maple invasives.

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Maintenance was completed on the Town Forest to Jones Brook trail connector. This included cutting new connector trails and reblazing.
- Future work: Repair boardwalk along Fort Point and checking a quarry near Clark Island for suitable stepping stones.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken)

- Bamford: MCHT volunteer crew will do work on October 18th (Amanda).
- Meadowbrook: Grant proposal was submitted to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund for trail development. The committee review and award is scheduled for October 25th. Deed transfer to Town is complete.

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

Education Committee: (Suzanne) Ideas for future events

- Insect presentation (Spring)
- Unusual wildlife in St. George (bears, coyotes)
- Wreath making using renewable resources from St. George, (Dan: look into finding resources near Town trails to tie into CC work there).

Stream Restoration: (Joss/Dan)

- Mark Jordan design may be too expensive to implement. Will look into smaller and less expensive designs. Will talk to Alison at St. George school to get student input.
- Will give MCHT a summary of historic background to get their input.
- The Bremen CC installed a fish ladder in 2010 that may suit our needs.
- Joss will look into alewife restocking options.

Website update: (Tom) Nothing new to report.

Solar System: (Dan/Joss)

- The problems encountered in July and August may have been resolved by redoing some wiring and replacing an inverter that was damaged. ReVision will monitor the system more frequently.
- CMP may upgrade a transformer to accommodate the higher than expected production of the system.
- Tim Polky will now handle all future contacts with ReVision and CMP.

Comprehensive Plan: (Ken) Handed out copies with CC sections highlighted for future reference.

New Business

MACC Membership: (Ken)

Motion by Ken to renew our membership to the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions and to pay the dues. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.

Select Board Update: (Ken for Tammy)

- Discussed all committees/commissions submitting a monthly summary or highlights for the website. Ken will decide items of note from the minutes.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo