

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission Minutes for November 1, 2018

Attendance: Members: Ken Oelberger, Tom Gorrill, Ryan LeShane, Ingrid Mroz and Joss Coggeshall; Others; Terry Brackett CEO, Anita Siegenthaller and John Knuerr

Announcements: Joss announced that on November 7, 1 PM Morten Mossewilde the district forester will come to walk the Fort Point property to look at the ash trees. There is now the emerald ash borer in Maine which will likely kill all the mature ashes. There is a quarantine of ash products. Wood lot owners are planning how to manage the mature ashes. Jim Skogland who sold the land to St. George is fond of the ashes and will come along. This will be a learning experience for how to react to new invasives and climate change phenomenon. Ingrid requested that the Norway Maple, an invasive tree be identified at this time.

Minutes: Joss moved that the October minutes be approved, Ingrid seconded. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Invasives: Ingrid reports that the subcommittee met to discuss plans and goals. A PR article is planned for the April issue of the Dragon which will be coordinated with a May education event. Goals will be reviewed at the next Conservation Commission meeting. The school participation includes a slogan and bumper sticker that the students are going to craft.

Footpaths: Tom will lead a crew to replace some bog bridges on the Fort Point trail on November 3 or 4. Some new blazes on the Jones Brook may also be done. Tom reports the signs are done for the trails. To repair the bridge at Fort Point require a cedar log(s). The process to cut a tree at the Town Forest requires Select Board approval. Ken agreed to seek approval.

Land Trust Coordination: MCHT had a volunteer crew at the Bamford property on Oct. 18th. They did some bush hogging, clearing, and new planting. There is a permit for building a parking lot. Meadow Brook, a MOHF grant has been approved for \$6,000 to match \$6,000 by the town. A permit is needed for a curb cut and a three car parking lot. A kickoff meeting will be held later this month to review the project plans.

Education: Suzanne has initiated effort to have a program on wildlife in the January- February timeframe.

Stream Restoration: Joss reports that there have been many restoration projects in our three-county area and the people involved are known to us. Alison England knows some of them, and she will be talking to them. DMR will be asked to stock alewives again since it has not been done since the culvert was replaced. . The options for the fish- friendly access vary from pools to a fish ladder. The cost also varies a great deal. There is a lot of interest by the students and their families in this fishing town. Local material and labor may be the way it happens. Guidance will be sought from MCHT as they have been involved in several projects.

Website Update: Nothing new to report, effort on hold while the town administration reassigns lead responsibility..

Communication: The Select Board would like something newsworthy from the CC each month.

Solar System: A plan with point people for the Town and ReVision is in place for communication. ReVision will now be monitoring the performance more closely. We look for a more full record on the web site.

New Business

Select Board: Not present

Planning Board: Nothing new to report.

Comprehensive Plan: Based on the 2018 revised plan we will consider what should be addressed in the 2019 Action Plan. Topic for the December meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Joss Coggeshall