

## **Finalized Minutes**

### **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday February 7, 2019**

**Attendance:** Members: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Tom Gorrill, and Ryan LeShane; Also: Terry Brackett (CEO), Anita Siegenthaler (FoSG), Dale Pierson (Pierson Nurseries) and Annette Naegel (Director of Conservation, GRLT).

**Announcements:** None

**Modifications to Agenda:** None

**Minutes:** Motion by Tom to approve January minutes. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Invasives:** (Ingrid) Spring planning meeting held on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Topics discussed:

- Mapping of invasives on Town property.
- Ryan and Amanda will lead a presentation/tour at Blueberry Cove on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Will cover invasive identification and methods of removal. Attendees can bring pictures and cuttings from their property.
- Will work with area nurseries to provide native replacement plants at little cost. (Dale stated at CC meeting that plant availability is not a problem and that he is willing to attend June 8<sup>th</sup> presentation to offer advice).
- Article will be in the Dragon's April issue.

### **Footpaths:** (Tom)

- Meadow Brook: Planning Board approved the permit for the parking lot effective January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Four bids were received and a contract will be awarded in the near future. The contract from MOHF has been received and an invoice for the \$6,000 grant can be sent for payment. An exploratory walk was conducted on January 6<sup>th</sup> to determine possible trail routes.
- Amanda provided several alternative plans for the kiosk and Ryan offered that 1 construction can be done at the Blueberry Cove workshop.
- Spring Cleanup for all Town trails is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Contact Tom if interested and he will provide details.

### **Land Trust Coordination:** (Ken/Annette)

- Meadow Brook: Annette will provide the conservation easement document to CC and come back to answer any questions.
- High Island: Need to plan cleanup of a large number of "blowdowns" from October storm.

**Education Committee:** (Suzanne) Not here

- Wildlife: Kirk's talk on "Winter Wildlife on the St. George Peninsula" was held January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Steam Restoration:** (Joss/Dan).

- CC will work with Allison and her class on plans for a small fish ladder.
- After the fish ladder is proposed work on a landscape plan for the banks of the creek will be finalized.

**2019 Action Plan:** (Ken) Motion made by Tom to approve plan as amended. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.

**New Business**

**2018 Annual Report:** (Ken) Motion by Dan to approve the report with an added section recognizing the environmental achievements by the St. George School. Seconded by Tom. Approved unanimously.

**March/April Newsletter:**

- Tom will send Ken the section on Trail Cleanup
- Dan will send Ken a "blurb" with highlights from these minutes.

**Select Board Update:** (Tammy) Not here.

**Planning Board Update:** (Terry) Nothing to report

**Future Topics:**

- Climate Change
- Community Solar
- Plastic bag ban
- Website update

**Motion to adjourn by Joss. Seconded by Dan. Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo