

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday March 7, 2019

Attendance: Members: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ingrid Mroz, and Tom Gorrill; Also: John McIlwain.

Announcements: MCHT's Maine Land Conservation Convention: April 5th and 6th

Modifications to Agenda: Will discuss Community Solar first.

Minutes: Motion by Tom to approve February minutes. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Invasives: (Ingrid)

- Slogan: "Know Before You Grow" was selected by the CC Invasives subgroup from those developed by last year's St. George School's sixth grade class.
- Ryan and Amanda, who are leading the presentation/tour at Blueberry Cove on June 8th, will meet in April to finalize plans.
- Article will be in the Dragon's April issue.
- Nancy Olmstead will give instruction on latest version of iMap (invasive mapping).

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Trail cleanup email sent out to assess number of volunteers who can attend.

Education Committee: (Ingrid for Suzanne) See Invasives

Steam Restoration: (Joss/Dan). No change

- CC will work with Alison and her class on plans for a small fish ladder.
- After the fish ladder plan is complete and approved, work on a landscape plan and permitting for the banks of the creek will resume.

Website Update: (Tom)

- Community Access link needs to be revised or removed.

New Business

Climate Change:

Community Solar (John):

- ReVision not recommending a solar project at this time but may if proposed bill(s) are passed.

- John suggested that a goal year be set for “energy independence” (renewable fuel only) for the Town.

Single Use Plastic Bags (Ingrid)

- Solid Waste and Recycling committee voted to recommend to the SB (through Tammy) to eliminate single use plastic bags and polystyrene containers (clam shell type).
- CC voted unanimously to support banning single use plastic bags and polystyrene containers. Will continue to discuss at next meeting when more members are present.

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Not here.

Planning Board Update: (Ingrid for Terry) DEP notified Terry of Matt Stern’s permit application for rip-rap and fill on his Watts Cove property. Terry has address people can send concerns to if they wish.

Motion to adjourn by Dan. Seconded by Tom. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo