

**Finalized Minutes**  
**St. George Conservation Minutes**  
**Thursday June 6, 2019**

**Attendance:** Members: Ken Oelberger, Tom Gorrill, Joss Coggeshall, and Igrid Mroz; also John Meyer, John Knuerr, Anita Siegenthaler (FoSG), John McIlwain, Annette Naegel (GRLT) and Tammy Willey (SB) present.

**Announcements:** none

**Modifications to Agenda:** Add Climate Change, add July/August Newsletter

**Minutes:** Motion by Tom to approve May minutes, seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Invasives:**(Ingrid)

Ingrid reports there will be a brochure on invasives for the public. Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a program on invasives identify, remove, and replace at Blueberry Cove Camp.

**Land Trust Coordination;** (Ken/Annette)

The Bamford property managed by Maine Coast Heritage Trust, has the parking lot almost done and the trail is improved. Opening is planned later in the summer or early fall.

Annette Naegel from Georges River Land Trust would like the CC and GRLT to work together on our common goals. She notes that St. George has the CC, Friends of St George and the Historical Society, which every town does not have. The Jones Brook and Upper Long Cove area is a special place for GRLT. It is the largest watershed in St. George. There are techniques of land conservation that GRLT would like to help with.

**Footpaths:** (Tom)

Tom reports tree clearing for the Meadow Brook parking lot was started but the job is on hold until it dries out. The Fort Point trail has become damaged due to the extremely wet conditions and along with Jones Brook remains closed. Solutions are being looked for to prevent further damage. . There are some grant opportunities for repairing trails including the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). We will consider RTP for next year as it is unlikely that we could meet the timeframe for this year's grant cycle. Stewards are being finalized for Fort Point, Town Forest, Jones Brook, High Island, Meadow Brook, and the Les Hyde Memorial (School Nature Trail).trails.

**Stream Restoration:** (Joss)

The school has continued to monitor the marsh for salinity and temperature. They are hatching alewife eggs and feeding plankton to the fish. Maine Department of Marine Resources had been concerned about the habitat in the marsh. DMR has heard of the interest of the school science class in the restoration and of similar sites with the same conditions. DMR now say they will ask IF&W for a permit for stocking. DMR also will speak to DEP about doing work on the dam to control levels.

**Resource Maps:**(Dan)

Ken reports Dan met with Brent at GRLT to start the effort and provided the updates that we have identified to date. Brent has also started to investigate the updates to the state provided data.

**Climate Change:**

John McIlwain reported on a meeting that he and Dan attended with SB members, CDC members and interested community members climate change issues and the future of these activities. Energy conservation was also discussed

**New Business**

**Select Board Update:** (Tammy) Nothing to report.

**Planning Board Update:** (Terry) Absent.

**Website Update:**

A meeting is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> to address updates to the town website. Ken plans to attend , John Meyer volunteered to help with CC updates.

**July/August Newsletter:**

Inputs for the newsletter are due June 12<sup>th</sup>. Suggested CC articles include the Invasives event and Clark Island.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted Joss Coggeshall