

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday September 5, 2019

Attendance: Members: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Ryan LeShane, John Knuerr, and Tom Gorrill; Also: Anita Siegenthaler (FoSG), John Meyer, Dale Pierson (Pierson Nursery), and Terry Brackett (CEO).

Announcements: None

Modifications to Agenda: Budget

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

Old Business

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Meadow Brook: Parking lot and layout to trail are completed. Kiosk installation scheduled for 9/16. Trail work with Brent is scheduled for 9/12. Will email details.
- A request to MOHF to extend the schedule for the educational component of the grant will be submitted.
- Fort Point: Needs major work. A grant could be acquired but will require a professional design that may cost \$5000. Joss suggested that the archaeological importance of the site should be stressed in the grant proposal. A decision must be made at October CC meeting in order to apply for 2020 grant. Also, there was no objection to letting Tom decide about clearing brush at the trail head.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- MCHT, Bamford: Amanda has scheduled trail work for 10/3.
- GRLT, Long Cove: Annette Naegel will attend the October CC meeting to discuss future efforts.

Invasives: (Ingrid/John)

- Future project is to map invasives on CC member properties.
- Need to work out an approval process for invasive removal.
- A brochure is now available in the Town Office lobby.
- John will take over the invasive projects. Ingrid will handle the Education program.

Climate Change: (Dan)

- SLR: Meeting on Sea Level Rise was held on 8/29. A summary was emailed to all CC members. CC was asked to help coordinate a "Community Information Session" to be held at the Town Office on the evening of 11/14. Another meeting is scheduled for 5PM on 9/16 to work out details.
- Solar: Legislation was signed that expands the size and number of participates in solar array projects starting in 2020. This paves the way for a "Community Solar" project for

the Town. In addition, a dollar credit for institution “Net Metering” instead of a kilowatt credit will improve the solar array options for the school. The school will be contacted to see what action they plan.

Stream Restoration: (Joss/Dan).

- DMR seems open to the possibility of restoring the dam to its original height. Stocking is still a possibility but they will require more data to assure that the eggs will be viable (salinity issue) and that fry will be able to leave the marsh in late summer (low water level issue). Will continue discussing options with DMR.

Resource Maps: (Dan)

- Brent (GRLT) will start working on updates this October.

Forest Management Plan: (Joss)

- Tabled until next meeting to allow more time for discussion.

Education Committee:

- In addition to talk(s) on SLR, a Solar Fair was presented as a possibility. A more detailed discussion of this and other topics will take place at the CC November meeting.

New Business

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Not here.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Nothing to report.

Budget: (Ken)

- Total budget with 2019 carry over \$16,754 , current balance \$8203plus \$6000 in reserve for Meadow Brook. Will discuss up to \$5000 for Fort Point trail design and Meadow Brook educator stipends at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo