

## **Finalized Minutes**

### **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday October 3, 2019**

**Attendance:** Members: Joss Coggeshall, Ken Oelberger, and Tom Gorrill; Also: John Meyer, John McIlwain and Terry Brackett (CEO).

**Announcements:** Several interesting articles were in the MEACC newsletter that Ken recently distributed

**Modifications to Agenda:** Added Community Solar

**Minutes:** Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

### **Old Business**

#### **Forest Management Plan: (Joss)**

- Joss reported he is waiting to get Duke to show him the boundary pins and get his impression of the forest over the years. A survey was done when the last plan was written and the result was to manage the forest for wild life and recreation. The current use is consistent with that. There are some things which could be done: biologists could recommend things which would encourage species we want, it could be another good project for scouts, some dead wood could be cut up to rot faster and decrease fire danger, and some planting of desirable species in the under story.

#### **Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).**

- MCHT, Bamford: On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, there was plantings completed around the parking area and a boardwalk installed in a wet section of the trail.
- GRLT, Long Cove: The discussion with Annette Naegel has been postponed to November.

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

- Meadow Brook: The trail has been cleared and blazed. The kiosk was constructed on site and is ready for posting of information.
- Fort Point: A walk will be scheduled to determine the extent of work needed and also determine if a professional trail planner should be engaged.
- Hunting Season: Brent from GRLT, recommend signs for closure of Jones Brook trail starting 10/26 and caution during archery season. Tom and Brent will work out the signs.

#### **Invasives: (John)**

- In John's absence Tom reported on the recent group meeting. Further ideas on promoting awareness and education regarding invasives was discussed, including posters and a pocket guide for the dirty dozen. The group will look into what other towns are doing. In terms of iMapping: Alison will do the school trail, the Town Forest

will be checked for invasives, a mapping of the town playing field will be completed. John will provide in-service training on the iMap software for interested individuals.

- There should be another public awareness program in the spring for identify and removal.

**Climate Change:** (Dan)

- SLR: A follow up meeting on Sea Level Rise will be held October 7<sup>th</sup> for planning of the “Community Information Session” to be held at the Town Office on the evening of 11/14.
- Solar: John McIlwain reported that the CDC is open to being a place where Community Solar could be planned.

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

- Joss reported that MDMR is considering stocking alewives again. The director of sea run fish would like to have a meeting to discuss the project.

**Education:**

- In addition to the talk on SLR, possible next topics include solar and a spring invasives talk.

**New Business:**

- MEACC membership will be renewed for a cost of \$125 as budgeted.

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

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

**Meeting adjourn at 5:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Joss Coggeshall