

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday May 7, 2020

Attendance: Via Zoom: Members: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Tom Gorrill and John Knuerr; Also: Anita Siegenthaler (FoSG), John Meyer, John McIlwain, and Tammy Willey (SB).

Announcements:

- MEACC annual meeting scheduled for May 9 was cancelled but may be rescheduled.
- May Town Newsletter available. Includes article on trails.

Modifications to Agenda: None.

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

Old Business

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Fort Point: Doug Beck (RTP administration) walked the trail and will offer his recommendations. Will delay starting grant application until SB meets in two weeks to discuss matching funds.
- Bamford: On April 24th Dale led a group who did more apple tree pruning.
- Weekly work trips: Tom will email volunteers for work days to improve the trails (e.g., gravel, place stones, bridging over wet spots, repair bridges).

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- High Island: Amanda finished clearing downed trees.
- Roaring Spout: GRLT asked about volunteers to clean up trail and rocks. Steve Cartwright has identified a volunteer who offered to sandblast graffiti found there.

Education: (Ingrid)

- Solar Program: The Solar Committee had a zoom meeting on April 13th to discuss the Solar lecture and Fair planned for October 1st and 3rd respectively. Contacts are being made for potential speakers, exhibitors and homes to visit in St. George. The CDC may be willing to cohost. Next meeting scheduled for May 11th.

Invasives (John K.) Nothing new.

Website Update (Ken/John M.)

- CC given limited access to edit website. Will contact Tara to see if John can use the website's Tech Support to learn how to make necessary changes. No changes made yet.

Climate Change: (Dan)

Sea Level Rise: Resiliency Checklist report has not been completed yet.

Solar:

- Gave an overview of LD 1711 legislation. In particular the new legislation permits individuals to get electricity from “solar farms” as either a subscriber (e.g., 20 yr. Power Purchase Agreement with no investment cost) or as an investor by purchasing shares (ReVision offering \$15k/share).
- CDC Solar Committee: Sam Lipman (Consolidated Edison) met with the committee on May 4th to discuss subscriber solar farms and agreed to participate in our Solar Fair.

Stream Restoration: (Joss/Dan). Nothing new to report.

Resource Maps: Waiting on Tax Property data.

New Business

Select Board Update: (Tammy)

- Working on budget. There are some shortfalls due to Coronavirus shutdown.
- Dan and Tom agreed to “reup” their CC membership. Ken will check with alternates.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) not here.

Motion by Joss to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Tom. Approved unanimously .

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo