

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES MAY 4, 2017

The Conservation Commission met on May 4, 2017 at 4:00 PM. Present were Ken Oelberger, Les Hyde, Ingrid Mroz, Suzanne Hall, Anita Siegenthaler, John Anders (GRLT Trails Manager) and Joss Coggeshall.

Minutes of April 6, were read and it was moved by Les to accept as written, second by Ingrid all in favor.

EDUCATION Suzanne reported on the clamming program on August 3. There is a lot of support from the clammers to explain about licensing, mapping, testing. It will be an interesting program. All commented that the Life on the Edge program was very educational and well attended. Suzanne will send thank you letters to the speakers.

HABITAT RESTORATION at the marsh. Les reports Ben Mathews of the Nature Conservancy was here doing the survey work before design of pools to make it fish friendly for the alewives to get over the dam. Mark Jordan PE will be designing a plan. A couple of agencies have been involved and Maine Coast Heritage Trust might be interested in participating.

KIOSK AT THE MARSH near the dam. Alison England requested help for establishing a kiosk at the marsh to display related educational material. Ken will prepare the permit application and submit it to the CEO and Planning Board for approval. Ryan has agreed to build the kiosk.

COLLABORATION WITH THE SCHOOL Alison England a 6-7-8 grade science teacher has several programs going with watershed research, vernal pools. She has discovered a "significant" vernal pool which means there are the required number of spotted salamander eggs.

FOOTPATHS Ingrid reports there will be road signs and they will be installed on Rt. 131 near the location of Fort Point and Jones Brook trails by MDOT and the town. Trail clean up will be moved to Sunday May 7th due to rain, people will meet at 9:30am at the Fort Point trail head.

SOLAR Dan is not present who has been on the ad-hoc committee to look at a PV array which would generate the power used by the town government in a year. Joss reports three companies Maine Solar Solutions, Revision, and Sundog out of Searsport have submitted designs and the ways to finance them to get the tax credit and depreciation (45% of the cost). The town would buy the system in year 7. Dan is encouraged that the plan is going forward.

COORDINATION OF CONSERVED AREAS With Conservation Commission support MCHT is arranging free rides on 8/13 to explore High Island. An information session was held this week for the Long Cove Road residents to solicit input relative to the Bamford property plans.. MCHT closed on the Meadow Brook property. .

WEBSITE Ken mentions the webpage needs some improvement and it is agreed all will look at it for discussion at the next meeting.

INVASIVE PLANTS Les recommends the CC study the invasives and document what they are and

where they exist on town property.

Les moved to adjourn Ingrid second all in favor at 5:15

Respectfully Submitted Joss Coggeshall