

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday September 3, 2020

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

Announcements:

- Newsletter deadline September 21st. Send to Ben Vail
- Dick Pelletier wants to put in his own culvert on his property on Boulder Hill Rd to allow smelt access. Invited to future meeting to tell us about progress. Joss will contact him.
- GRLT webinar with Doug Tallamy on September 15th

Modifications to Agenda: None.

Minutes: Motion by Ingrid to approve last month's minutes as amended. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Fort Point: Improvement plan still being studied. Ken and Tom discussed plan on site with Jim Skoglund and Jerry Hall (SB) and Jim had no issues but wanted to make sure ATVs could not access. State will come down next Tuesday to discuss a Town/State partnership with the Town managing the site. Jerry Hall and Tim Polky were invited to participate. ATV traffic should be prohibited with some sort of barrier. Tom and Jerry should update SB on progress.
- Weekly Work Trips: August 13th and 20th worked on Les Hyde, Town Forest, and Jones Brook (37 stepping stones total).
- Trail closings for hunting: Signs will be posted, announcement (contact Tara for Town home page) and will update CC website.
- Covid warning: Sign for Les Hyde trail due to School expanded use after reopening. Ryan will provide language. Finish by first week of October.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- Clark Island: Amanda is working on improvements and may schedule a cleanup day.
- GRLT: Nothing new.

Education: (Ingrid)

- Solar Program: The Solar Committee had a Zoom meeting today at 3 PM. 1. Still working on Zoom webinar on October 1st with Kendra Jo Grindle (Island Institute) along with Seth Berry. A Zoom practice will be scheduled in September. 2. Dan is working on getting 4 vendors to participate in a Q&A webinar on November 12th.

Invasives (John K.)

- Found Ash trees at Fort Point and discussed the possibility of adding invasive pests (like Emerald Ash Borer beetle and Brown Tail Moth) as future topics.

Website Update (Ken/John M.)

- Updates should be submitted as drafts to Ken before submitting the John to avoid confusion.
- Add Archive menu item. There is no practical limit on archiving older files so submit any document that may be useful. John will look into ways to search to make finding older files easier.

Climate Change: (Dan)

Sea Level Rise:

- Town Checklist Meeting February 29th posted on CC website along with meeting notes.
- Ad hoc SL Rise Committee: Divided up checklist into subgroups that will meet this month. Ken and I will handle Natural Resources but anyone on CC can participate.
- Will be as transparent as possible so that Town managers and residents will understand the consequences of SL rise to St George.

Solar:

- The CC Climate page will link to the Education page to reflect the webinars scheduled in October and November.

Resource Maps: (Dan)

- Tax Property data for Protected Lands Map will be submitted to GRLT. Files types for Clark Island update to Public Access map also submitted for GRLT review. May need to meet with them at their office in October.

New Business

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Not here.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Nothing to report.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo