

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday December 3, 2020

Attendance: Via Zoom: Members: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Ingrid Mroz, Ryan LeShane, John Knuerr, and Tom Gorrill; Also: John Meyer, and John McIlwain.

Announcements: Town Newsletter: Dec. 18 deadline.

Modifications to Agenda: Fort Point Trail Motion, Grant extension

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

Old Business

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Windstorms: Blowdowns were minimal and cleared. Identified work for the Spring work trips.
- Clarke Island: Amanda (MCHT) placed the Les Hyde memorial bench and requested help on the trail maintenance while she is away. Ingrid and Tom volunteered.
- Fort Point ad Hoc Committee (Ken): Committee met today. Selected Gartley & Dorsky Engineering & Surveying for the design effort. . Have pledges or contributions of \$12.5k of \$20k needed for the work. Expect to meet goal in January so that additional Town funds will not be necessary. Looking into other funding sources. Next meeting on Dec. 17th. DOT working on new plan for parking area. Draft DOT ROW access agreements and example maintenance agreement received from State . Abutters meeting on the Dec. 12th. Public information meeting planned in January.
- **Motion** by Tom for \$1600 from CC budget to have a wetland inventory at Fort Point trail and a parking area completed by Gartley & Dorsky. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- John Anders is leaving GRLT on January 1st. No replacement for Brent as yet.

Education: (Ingrid)

- Solar Thursday- "Meet the Vendors" went well on Nov. 12th. Parker Gassett (Maine Sea Grant) hosted along with Dan. Sam Zuckerman (Maine Solar Solutions) and Brandon Mazur (ReVision Energy) PowerPoint presentations are available on the CC Education page along with a Zoom recording of the webinar. A survey showed interest in future Climate Change lectures especially on Sea Level rise.
- Earth Day: Kelly Corbin lecture "Gardening for a Better Planet" is confirmed. Advertising should start in February.

Invasives (John K.)

- Input on a draft proposal for insects: 1. Which insects? 2. Website content/organization (keep same format as plants) 3. Monthly updates to lists? 4. Make a Newsletter/Announcement item with a summary of concerns.

Website Update (Ken/John M.)

- Vimeo added at \$80/yr to provide a server to hold large videos (e.g., Zoom webinar recordings).
- Google Analysis for November: Trails and Solar pages are the top hits.

Climate Change: (Dan)

Sea Level Rise:

- ME Climate Council Report: Submitted on December 1st . Called “Maine Won’t Wait, a Four Year Plan for Climate Action” or the “Climate Plan.”
[MaineWontWait_December2020.pdf](#)

Solar:

- Nov. Solar Webinar: See Education above
- Tim approved putting a sign at the Transfer Station promoting the Town solar array. Dan ordered a sign and will post it when it arrives. Similar signs can be posted at trail kiosks with QR scan codes for the CC trail page.
- Sandra Dickson provided part of a solar pamphlet that is posted on the Solar page under “Additional Solar Array Information”. The full pamphlet is available from Sandra for a small fee.

Resource Maps: (Ken, Dan)

- Will reassess the combining of Maps 2&3.
- Large printed maps can be done by Knox County Emergency Management.

New Business

Budget: (Ken)

- Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund: Grant extension given to end of 2021.
- **Motion** to submit budget to Board with Fort Point ad hoc Committee adjustment from their next meeting. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Not here.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo

