

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday February 4, 2021

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

Announcements:

- Town Newsletter inputs: Due by Feb. 15th. Town Report due by Feb. 22th.
- Ingrid will step down as a CC member. John Meyer is willing to be nominated for the vacancy. The CC thanks Ingrid for all her years of hard work and willingness to continue to contribute as a nonmember.

Modifications to Agenda: None.

Minutes: Motion by Tom to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by Joss. Unanimously approved with amendment.

Old Business

Footpaths: (Tom)

- **Fort Point Ad Hoc Committee (Ken):**
 1. Select Board: Universal Access tabled for now so that abutter issues can be addressed.
 2. The Ad-Hoc Committee will work to address several of the abutter concerns
 3. CC will pay for a portion of the boundary survey with the remainder from other town funds.
 4. Town Manager will handle parking lot issues.
 5. Bridge needs to be replaced to address safety concerns... Ken, Tom, John M and Dale will work on bridge options.
 6. May still want to get broader public input.
- Meadow Brook: parking lot ruts will need to be repaired this spring.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- MCHT: Amanda thanked the CC for helping with Clark Island maintenance while she is recovering. Steve Walker has found a new position with Fish and Wildlife.
- GRLT: Annette will set up a meeting with other CCs in area in late March for collaboration opportunities.

Education: (Ingrid)

- Spring Lecture: Getting details about Kelly's lecture and biography for promotion in the Newsletter, Free Press and Courier Gazette. Dan and John Meyers will get information for registration and Zoom using the Town's account.

Invasives (John K.)

- John presented a draft pest section for the invasive web page. The format matching the plant was accepted along with having its own menu item. Tom suggesting focusing more on local rather than just statewide invasives.

Website Update (John M.)

- Trail page for Clark Island was submitted to Amanda for review.

Climate Change: (Dan)

Sea Level Rise:

- Ad hoc SLR Committee: Richard has requested a meeting to discuss more CC involvement in future actions. Ken and Dan will meet with him on March 5th.
- We can propose developing a vulnerability map that targets areas most susceptible to a 2-4 ft. SL rise and asking for volunteers to document changes to the shoreline. The CC will compile the data for the purpose of remediation-grant proposals (State and Federal).

Solar:

- School Solar: Sent Michael Felton spreadsheet data and PPA from NexAmp for a subscription based farm. Waiting on Sam Lipman (ConEd) to send their offer.
- Federal tax credit of 26% for solar arrays extended until end of 2023.

Resource Maps: (Ken, Dan)

- Will finish updating maps this month.
- GRLT will return our map with our notes and make 11X17 copies for review.

New Business None

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Not here.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here.

Motion by Joss to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Ingrid (last time!). Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo