

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday April 1, 2021

Attendance: Via Zoom: Members: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, John Meyer, Ryan LeShane, John Knuerr and Tom Gorrill; Also: Ingrid Mroz, John McIlwain, Tammy Willey (SB), Terry Bracket (CEO), Matt Bonner (GRLT) and Keelia Jay.

Announcements:

- Matt Bonner is the new Trails & Public Access Program Manager for the Georges River Land Trust.
- CC now has its own Zoom account. Will be used for its own meetings and for its educational programs.

Modifications to Agenda: None.

Minutes: Motion by Joss to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by John M. Unanimously approved.

Old Business

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Working on removing blowdowns. One in Town Forrest removed. Will get to one on Fort Point.
- Flagging drainage problems on all trails for future stepping stones or ditches.
- School access paths: Working with Beckie Delany on materials list for path to School trail and an additional step path to vegetable gardens.
- Ryan: Need to deal with wet areas on School and Les Hyde trail.
- **Fort Point Ad Hoc Committee (Ken):**
 1. Looking for quotes for bridge. Joss will look into possible donation of a bridge.
 2. Wetland delineation completed. Will ask Gartley and Dorsky to add proposed new trail to the wetlands map for future trail consideration. Still waiting for survey.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- MCHT Bamford: Will install some board walks.
- MCHT Clark Island: Trail work planned including removing invasives.
- GRLT: A forest management event is scheduled for April 29th. Annette will also set up a meeting with five other CCs in area for collaboration opportunities at 5 PM on April 27th. Ken sent her suggestions for topics.

Education: (Ingrid)

- Spring Lecture: April 22nd lecture with Kelly Corbin on "Gardening for a Better Planet" ready. Practice Zoom set for April 13th. Newsletter and calendar updated. Free Press and Courier ads ready to submit.

Invasives (John K.)

- Draft updated for pests submitted. Will focus on key pests (such as Brown Tail moth, Emerald Ash Borer and Spotted Lantern Fly) with links to more extensive information. Will give identification tips and encourage residents to report observations.

Website Update (John M.)

- Trail page updated. Links added to MCHT and GRLT.

Climate Change: (Dan)

Sea Level Rise:

- Ken and Dan met with Richard on March 5th. We are assembling volunteers to monitor vulnerable areas. Will meet later this Spring to discuss best ways to gather data and submit them to the CC.

Solar:

- School Solar: Sent Michael Felton answers to questions from the School Board. Ken, John M. and I will Zoom meet with them on April 27th at 6:30 PM. The School lawyer is reviewing two proposals from vendors that we suggested and may solicit additional proposals.

Resource Maps: (Ken, Dan)

- Updates completed. Posted on website and on CC meeting room wall over the old maps.

New Business None

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Working on warrant for Town meeting. CC budget unchanged.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Will need to see any plan for invasive removal in shoreline zoom. Must include replacement with native species.

Motion by Joss to adjourn meeting. Seconded by John M. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo