

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday August 5, 2021

Public Hearing Remote Participation Policy

The public hearing was opened at 4:00pm.

Attendance : Members : Ken Oelberger, Dale Pearson, John Knuerr, Ryan LeShane, constituting quorum. Also attending Tammy Willey (SB), Rick Erb (Town Manager), Tara Elwell.

There being no public comment the hearing was closed at 4:05pm

Regular Meeting

Attendance: Members: Ken Oelberger, Dale Pierson, John Knuerr, Ryan LeShane and (Via Zoom) John Meyer, Dan Verrillo, and Tom Gorrill; Also: Tammy Willey (SB), Rick Erb (Town Manager) and Dave Roseboom and wife. Ryan and Dale elevated to voting members.

Public Comment: Dave Roseboom. just interested in CC agenda and doings.

Announcements: None

Modifications to Agenda: Trails moved to last.

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

Old Business

Remote Participation Policy (Ken)

- At a public hearing held at 4:00pm PM today by members of the CC, the remote participation policy was discussed. A motion to approve the policy was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- MCHT: Nothing new.
- GRLT: CC social get-together scheduled for noon on August 27nd at Fort Point. To encourage cooperation between organizations. CC members to park at Robinson Homestead.

Education:

- See invasives

Invasives (John K.)

- Talked with Amanda: Suggested an informal walk of Clark Island in September and a formal walk in October. John and Dale will work with her for details. Also looking into a possible event on invasive bugs. Will prepare an article for September event for town announcement and newsletter.

Website Update (John M.)

- John added link to School podcasts sent by Alison

Climate Change: (Dan) Nothing new.

Footpaths: (Tom)

- Work Trips: Stepping stones gathered and hauled to Meadow Brook. Bog bridging on Fort Point repaired. Need more volunteers. Will advertise on Facebook.
- Steve Barr contacted Tom relative to potential trail from Tenants Harbor to Port Clyde. This is a follow up of effort looked into several years ago by Les and GRLT. Ryan mentioned that Lillie Hyde also showed recent interest in this potential project. Tom let Steve know our plates are full right now but we would continue to stay in touch while there is interest.
- Fort Point: Sign installed to direct hikers away from abutter's driveway. Subcommittee finalizing RTP application. Distributed to CC members and others for review. Comments requested in two weeks. DEP conducted a site walk and subsequently granted a waiver for the wetlands of significance. In recent talk with Doug Beck we clarified that by using the Maine Conservation Corp to perform the construction we would be exempt from the three bid process. They are less expensive but in demand, therefore should line them up well in advance. Tom will contact MCC next week. MCHT will do a site visit to identify endangered species that may be impacted by the proposed trail. Tom or Ken will contact Gartley and Dorsky about survey and pin locations. Planning Board meets on the 10th and will review the Use Permit that we submitted. Budget will be updated to reflect revised (higher) quotes. Letters of support have been requested from five organizations. . Public information meeting needs to be set up. Possible date is August 19th at 7 PM.

New Business

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Nothing new

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here.

September Town Newsletter: Inputs due by August 20th

Motion by Dale to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Ryan. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo