

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
JUNE 1, 2017

The Conservation Commission met on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4PM. Present were Tammy Willey, Ingrid Mroz, Ken Oelberger, Suzanne Hall, Les Hyde, Joss Coggeshall, Terry Brackett, Anita Siegenthaller, John Knuerr, and Tom Gorrill.

MINUTES- Ingrid moved to accept minutes of May 4, 2017, Suzanne seconded and all voted in favor.

EDUCATION-Suzanne reported that the meeting with the clambers was very informative. Several clambers are lined up for the panel discussion, Sherm Hoyt will facilitate. The program called "Life on the Edge- Will Clamming Survive" will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

STREAM RESTORATION-Les reports that Nature Conservancy came and surveyed all the levels to design a system for the fish to get to the marsh. A design may be completed this summer.

MARSH KIOSK- A kiosk will be placed at the marsh at the location identified by the code enforcement officer. The kiosk will explain various aspects of restoration and research going on by students of the St George School.

FOOTPATHS-Ingrid reported the May 7<sup>th</sup> clean up went well and all the trails were cleared and ready for use. Some Hiker Crossing road signs are installed by the town near the Fort Point and Jones Brook trails on 131. Trail direction signs are available for installation by MDOT. Ingrid has worked very hard on this.

HIGH ISLAND -Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) organized a work day on High Island clearing a new campsite, cleaning up the old building site, cutting dead trees where there will be a kiosk and the beginning of trails, burning brush. Another work effort is planned for the week of June 12th. There will be free rides to High Island on August 13.

BAMFORD PROPERTY-MCHT is planning a site visit to explore the potential trails soon.

SOLAR-The budget committee has recommended the town go forward on a photovoltaic system on the town transfer station. There will be a public hearing on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and a referendum vote on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

MEADOW BROOK-The purchase of the Meadow Brook property by Maine Coast Heritage Trust has been completed. A news release will be published.

ST GEORGE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE-Ken attended a meeting facilitated by the Island Institute. The participants were local organizations that support the kids in the community and how there could be more collaboration among the organizations.

MID COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION-They help write grants for trail work. We discussed that we are not ready to submit a grant during the current cycle but would pursue it in the future, possibly for the Meadow Brook property.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION WEB SITE-The proposed changes to the website were reviewed and will be submitted to the town administration. .

INVASIVE PLANTS-Les has proposed a project to educate people about invasives and the removal process. He suggests a trial effort on the lot across from the old library. The school may participate in invasive plant mapping.

Respectfully submitted Joss Coggeshall