

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday July 6, 2017

Attendance: Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Les Hyde, Ingrid Mroz, Suzanne Hall, Tom Gorrill, Anita Siegenthaler and Terry Brackett.

Announcements: None.

Modifications to Agenda: Website update

Minutes: Motion by Ingrid to approve June minutes. Seconded by Dan. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Education Committee: (Suzanne)

- Summer Topic: "Life on the Edge: Will Clamming Survive?" scheduled for 7PM on August 3rd at the Town Office. Announcement posted on Town newsletter and next issue of the Dragon and Free Press. Working on a poster. Draft agenda includes: biologists, warden service, licenses and clambers. Panel discussion with Q&A.
- Fall Topic: No date set.
- Spring 2018 Topic: Invasives planned as the topic.

Steam Restoration: (Ryan/Joss/Les)

- Kiosk completed in turn around/parking area just off 131 near the culvert. Waiting on plans from the Nature Conservatory for the stream restoration.

Footpaths: (Ingrid/Ryan)

- Rt. 131 Signage: The two southbound trail identification signs were replaced and two new hiker warning signs installed.
- Additional signage recommended for Jones Brook trail at the southern end.

Town Solar: (Dan/Joss)

- The Town voted overwhelmingly on June 13th to allow the Town manager and SB to negotiate a Power Purchase Agreement and installation of a Solar PV system on the Transfer Station roof.
- The Solar ad hoc committee met on June 22nd and decided to recommend ReVision Energy over two other proposals to the SB.
- The SB voted on June 26th to pursue a final PPA with ReVision.
- The Town lawyer is reviewing the PPA.
- ReVision has assured us that if the PPA is approved in July that the system will be installed this year and thus avoid a 10% Net Metering energy supply credit reduction in 2018.
- Note: the latest Net Metering bill (LD 1504) if passed will not change the PUC 10% "penalty" in 2018 and therefore it is best if the system is installed this year.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken/Les)

- High Island: The “grand opening” is scheduled for August 13th. Free boat transportation to the island will be available. Volunteers are needed.
- Bamford: Demolition of the old Woodcrafter’s building is planned for next week.
- Meadowbrook (Otis Brook) property: MCHT recently closed on the property. Articles about the property were published in the Free Press and Dragon.

New Business

Website Updates: (Ken) Handed out updates for review. Send Ken changes this week.

Select Board Update: (Tammy) Not here.

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Nothing significant to report.

Motion to not meet in August by Ken. Seconded by Suzanne. Approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Les. Seconded by Suzanne. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo