

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and decided to recommend ReVision Energy over two other proposals to the SB.
- The SB voted on June 26<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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