

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission Minutes for Thursday July 7, 2022

Attendance: Members: Ken Oelberger, John Meyer, John Knuerr;
Associate Members: Ingrid Mroz, Dick Pelletier;
Also: Steve Cartwright (SB), Anita Siegenthaler, John McIlwain

Public Comment: None.

Announcements & Communications:

- Ken needs newsletter inputs by the 20th of July.
- Ken attended the CDC Community Round Table. Nothing of note but Ken will continue to attend meetings.
- Ken received call from Meg Rasmussen (formerly with GRLT) who is now with MCOG (Midcoast Community of Government Organizations). Could help us with grants in the future.

Modifications to Agenda: None.

Minutes: No quorum could not approve.

Old Business

Fort Point Project: (Ken)

- Have recommended Kennebec Trails for the trail construction.
- Have re-issued bridge RFP to include installation. Bids due July 22.
- Donations now over \$12,000.00. Still some pledges need to send in donation.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken/Amanda).

- GRLT: Need to meet with GRLT about future of Jones Brook trail, how to proceed.
- John K sent out MCHT link for Clark Island survey. Survey will help with management plan.

Trails: (John M.)

- Trail Work/Maintenance Recently Completed
 - June 16 trail work at Fort Point
 - Weed trimming the length of the trail
 - June 20 trail work at Meadow Brook
 - Completed the drainage culvert laying down fabric and stone
 - June 22 trail work at Clark Island
 - Volunteers: John Meyer, Ken, John Knuerr, Steve
 - We joined Amanda and 3 of her staff to work on the new loop trail, which is off the western loop. The work involved digging, raking, some stone

work and lopping branches. The trail is now open but will require some follow up work to complete

- June 30 trail work at Les Hyde
 - Volunteers: Ann Boover, Tom Gorrill, Dale Pierson, John Kneurr, John Meyer
 - Growth overhanging the trail was trimmed and all trail blazes were repainted
- July 1 trail work at Les Hyde
 - Grass paths were cleared with line trimmer in the field with the Les Hyde bench
- Future Trail Work
 - Pick up lumber for trail planking Monday, July 11.
 - Les Hyde – planking
 - Town Forest – planking
- Comments
 - Ingrid – keep an eye on postings on trail kiosks, lost dog notice is now weeks old, other posts may be out-of-date.

Invasives (John K.) Nothing new

Events & Education: (John K.)

- Good turnout for the Clark Island invasive walk. 14 or 15 people. Some local, some summer. Amanda could not make it but Dale and Ryan did a great job leading the talk.
- Do we want to do a workshop in the fall? Not necessarily invasives but other?
- Anita asked Steve, is it possible for town to put up water proof signs to highlight invasive plants along town roads?
- Ingrid – Should the CC take a lead to tackle invasive plants on town properties?
- Ingrid – Someone posted on the ST. George message board her willingness to help with invasives.
- John K took an action to develop some ideas for discussion at next meeting.

Website Update (John M.) Nothing major, simple updates in the past month.

Climate Change: Dan not at meeting.

Meadow Brook MOHF Report: (Ken/Ryan)

- Ken reported that this has been completed.
- There might be some money left for Meadow Brook maintenance

Hedgerow Support:

- Ingrid – Posters are put up at trail kiosks.
- Ken will give Julie information on Fort Point project to display
- Julie would like some CC members to be there for evening the 15th or daytime the 16th.
- Ken will send out an email with times for all CC members to select from.

Jones Brook Resource Protection:

- Ken reached out to DEP but has not heard back.
- Richard Bates and Anne Cox think it is on the back burner for now, Justin Long should look into other avenues.
- Ken – We can use this as opportunity to get more educated on resource protection zones.
- Steve mentioned Janet McMhon, environmental consultant in Waldoboro
- Dick offered to spearhead this effort to get CC more educated

New Business

Elect New Officers for next year – no quorum.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Ken provided overview

- Richard would like CC to participate
- Richard will start data collection for town and Mike Felton for School
- There is state grant money for projects

Select Board Update: (Steve)

- Steve also highlighted board interest in Greenhouse gas initiative
- Meg will talk to board late this month

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here.

Ken requested moving next meeting to August 11.

Respectfully submitted by John Meyer