

## **Finalized Minutes**

### **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday December 1, 2022**

**Attendance** Members: Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, John Knuerr, Dale Pierson, John Meyer and Ryan LeShane; Associate Member: Dick Pelletier; Also: Jerry Hall (Budget Committee) and Terry Bracket (CEO).

#### **Announcements:**

- Newsletter inputs requested by 12/16

**Minutes:** Motion by John M. to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by John K. Approved unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Fort Point Project:** (Ken)

- Cleared new trail route. Ready for spring work.
- Signed contract with KTC on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>
- SB to approve down payment for purchase of materials at next meeting.
- Will submit reimbursal from the State after the second payment ..
- Expect PE stamped drawings mid December.

**Land Trust Coordination:** (Ken). Nothing new

##### **Footpaths:** (John M.)

- Took care of a couple of blowdowns. Will continue to inspect trails
- Jones Brook: No intruder complaints. Continued to be closed pending logging this winter. Will check on extent of logging to ensure that there is no violation of the resource protection zone.

**Invasives:** (John K.) Nothing new.

##### **Events and Education:** (John K)

- Rebecca Jacobs will give a lecture about the Browntail moth and Woolly Adelgid on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Town Office. There may be another speaker TBD. Co-sponsoring with Sondra Wallace (South Thomaston CC).

**Website Update:** (John M.) Will update Fort Point progress and Invasives.

##### **Climate Change:** (Dan/Jerry)

- Jerry gave a summary of the Town's solar array. The Town saved money but because of reduction of electrical energy consumption (using LED lighting and removing vending machines) some of the power was paid for but not used. Suggestions were made including "cascading" the meter allocations and installing heat pumps in the Town office.

- The Town will have the ~\$80k to purchase the array in two years. Given the increased cost of power the payback for this investment will be about four years. After that the Town will save about \$20k annually.
- Jerry spoke to the School Board about our array and the school will consider their options. The school uses up to four times the power the Town and therefore has other complications.
- Dan reported that the Resiliency Committee used grant money to install a Hohonu water level meter on Jamie Wyeth's dock on Southern Island. [View](#)

**Jones Brook Resource Protection:** (Ken/Dick).

- At the Planning Board's request, we have reviewed a property seeking a change in the zoning restrictions. Ken showed us an overlay created by Leticia vanVuuren to compare the MDIF&W mapping for the IWWH and the Town Shoreline Zoning Map. They met with the Planning Board today and after examining the maps they decided that the "Resource Protection" status not be changed to "Stream Protection." The reason given is that the ordinance section 13A3 applies since there are more than 2 acres supporting the wetland...

**New Business** None

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

**Select Board Update:** (Steve) Did not attend

**Motion to adjourn by Dale, Seconded by John M. Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo