

## **Finalized Minutes**

### **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday May 11, 2023**

**Attendance** Members: Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, John Knuerr, Dale Pierson, John Meyer, Dick Pelletier and Ryan LeShane; Associate Member: Ingrid Mroz.

**Public Comments:** None

#### **Announcements:**

- Newsletter inputs requested by 5/20
- Beverly Johnson (Bates College): Will study the salt marsh at Meadow Brook in May.

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

#### **Old Business**

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

- Stone and timber for bridge work delivered.
- Trail closed for work. Signs posted. Notice on website and St. George message board.
- Extension: State will fund added cost and modify the grant. . Contract with KTC will be modified. October deadline still in effect.
- Ken will notify project donors.

##### **Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).**

- GRLT: See below
- MCHT: High Island workday on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Maintenance: Blowdowns removed. Bridges put back on Meadow Brook after rain wash out.
- Jones Brook: Investigated options for replacing parts of the trail after the logging operations. Matt contacted the logging operations land owner who is considering if he will allow the trail to continue through his property. If a through route is not possible then a loop may be the best option.
- Kiosks: Need to update.

##### **Invasives: (John K.)**

- Brown Tail Moth: Ryan found and eradicated on his property.
- Will coordinate with Ben on invasive removal and replacement at the ballfield.

**Events and Education: (John K)** Nothing new

- Ballfield demonstration event. Will have handouts similar to those offers by the state and other groups. July 8<sup>th</sup> set as a date.
- Ken suggested that the school could help select the “Biggest Tree” in St. George as a future project.
- Light pollution suggested as a future event. Town requires downlighting for outdoor lights for new construction.

**Website Update:** Updated SLR page. Update Fort Point with picture.

**Climate Change:** (Dan)

- Resilience Committee: met April 27<sup>th</sup>. Would like the CC to participate with a Solar Fair in August. Ken will send spreadsheet for home visits that was planned but cancelled because of Covid.
- SLR Apps: Met with Leticia on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Advanced app is ready for review by CC. Waiting on comments and then will post on SLR page.
- Sebago drone mapping in progress. A “sneak peek” was given at the school on May 5<sup>th</sup>. See the SLR page for current progress.

**Knox Coastal CC’s:** (Ken).

- On hold.

**New Business**

**Platform at Meadow Brook:** (Ingrid)

- Funds are available. Could model after the birder platform at the Weskeg Marsh Preserve near the parking area off of Buttermilk Lane.
- Will check with Terry and Ann Cox about restrictions. Ingrid will take the lead with help from Ann Boover and Kirk Gentalen. Dale will help with design and construction.

**Planning Board Update:** (Terry) Not here

**Select Board Update:** (Steve) Not here

**Motion to adjourn by John M. Seconded by John K. Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo