

## **Finalized Minutes**

### **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday June 1, 2023**

**Attendance** Members: Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, John Meyer, and Dick Pelletier; Associate Member: Ingrid Mroz. Also: Steve Cartwright (SB).

**Public Comments:** None

#### **Announcements:**

- Newsletter inputs requested by 6/20
- Sandra (Knox Co. CC's): A resiliency workshop is being offered to all CC's on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Dan feels it may be redundant to other initiatives, but anyone should go who cares to.

**Modifications of Agenda:** None

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

#### **Old Business**

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

- Bridge work begun. Crossable for trail development but not finished.
- Trail Extension: MOU signed with State.
- Historic Preservation Commission will require test digs.
- Shore line Zone requires a 25 ft setback for the trail from high tide .

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

- GRLT: Nothing new
- MCHT: High Island workday on May 19<sup>th</sup> found many blowdowns. Part of trail remains closed during heron nesting season.

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

- Maintenance: Planking on Town trail. Other trails in good shape.
- Jones Brook: No additional information for new trail route.
- Fort Point: Spray paint vandalism. Discussed various cleanup options.

**Invasives:** (John K.) Not here

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

- Ballfield demonstration event: Dale talked to Ben who is on board. Dale will get together with John to work on July 8<sup>th</sup> details.
- Dale will provide replacement plants.

**Website Update:** Updated SLR page.

**Climate Change: (Dan)**

- Resilience Committee: met May 16<sup>th</sup>. Green Energy Tour is scheduled for Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-3. John Meyer volunteered to show his home on the tour as well as others from the list the CC gave the committee. Vendors are being contacted to provide expertise during the tour either at homes, at the Town office or at community solar farms.
- SLR Apps: Advanced app is ready to post on the SLR page.
- Governor's Visit: Gov. Mills visited the school for a presentation on the CTE Maker Space project and at the Town office for a preview of the Sebago drone mapping in progress.

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

- Met with Ann Boover and Kirt Gentalen who both thought that this is not a good birding area. They recommended some other use for the funds such as a bench.

**New Business**

**2023 Member Appointments** - All members agreed to continue in their current positions.

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

**Select Board Update:** (Steve) Discussed the use of the town parcel across from the Town Forest trail for affordable housing. Although the property is very wet a trail is still an option in addition to low-cost housing.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo