

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday July 6, 2023

Attendance Members: Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, John Knuerr, Ryan LeShane and Dick Pelletier

Public Comments: None

Announcements:

- Newsletter inputs requested by 7/19

Modifications of Agenda: None

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

Old Business

Fort Point Project: (Ken)

- Bridge work finished.
- Trail Extension: State added \$45k to contract.
- The Historic Preservation Commission will arrive Monday for test digs. Volunteers lined up to assist.
- Work can continue after the test digs but will have a hiatus mid-August.
- Trespassers continue to use Paulson's driveway despite the signs.

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- GRLT: Nothing new
- MCHT: Volunteers requested on July 13th for work on Sheep Island trail, Owls Head.
- KCCC: Zoom meeting on June 27th. Will meet quarterly on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be in September. The Commissions agreed to help on projects one at a time. Owls Head proposed a light pollution topic. Other topics: Solar (similar to Green Energy Tour) and water quality.

Trails: (Ken for John M.)

- Maintenance: Removed blowdowns on Les Hyde trail.
- Jones Brook: Land on Historic Society available to complete loop from Rt 131 entrance. Will no longer connect to Town trail but avoids closure problems in the future.
- Fort Point: Weed whacking the trail in preparation for test digs.

Invasives: (John K.)

- Japanese Knotweed: Need to create a simple flier to hand out to residences about removal and replacement.
- Ballfield: John will get together with Dale to come up with a plan for invasives removal.

Events and Education: (John K)

- No additional information.

Website Update: Updated SLR page.

Climate Change: (Dan)

- Resilience Committee: Green Energy Tour is scheduled for Aug. 12th from 10-3. So far seven sites are on the list and four vendors. Our next meeting is on July 12th.
- Sebago: Lidar image links are posted on the SLR page. A stakeholders meeting to review and discuss the results is scheduled for July 13th at their S. Portland office.
- PBS Nova: For those with streaming they should watch “Chasing Carbon Zero”. It’s a good summary of the progress the US is making to reduce carbon fuels. Maine is featured for the advancements in deep-water wind energy research. It also pointed out the lack of charging stations for EVs in Maine.

New Business

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here

Select Board Update: (Steve) Not here

Motion to adjourn by Dan. Seconded by Ryan. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo