

Finalized Minutes

St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday August 3, 2023

Attendance Members: Ken Oelberger, John Meyer, Ingrid Mroz, Dale Pierson, Dick Pelletier

Public Comments: None

Announcements:

- Newsletter inputs requested by 8/22

Modifications of Agenda: Add discussion of Old Woods Farm

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

Old Business

Fort Point Project: (Ken)

- Archeological survey completed, waiting for final report but construction began
- The Point is now completed
 - There are a few areas that still need work, specifically some of the edges
 - John Copeland will address to our satisfaction
- Discussion of some added work at the point
 - Picnic table area – widen trail
 - John Copeland will provide a quote for this added scope
- Doug Beck and someone from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are coming next week to take a look at progress
 - Dale will get updated information for the sign
- Got \$45,000 from the State and \$8,800 from MCHT for the point
- Crew at another site for the next 5 weeks

Land Trust Coordination: (Ken).

- GRLT: None
- MCHT: None
- KCCC: Group will meet in September. This group was invited to our Resilience Tour

Trails: (John M.)

- Maintenance: Removed blowdowns on Town Forest trail.
- Jones Brook: We are considering alternative on Historic Society property and will do initial route work in the fall.

Invasives: (John K.)

- No report.

Events and Education: (John K)

- Dale and John have not met yet on the next event but plan to. The invasives at the ball field are the topic.

Website Update: Updated SLR page. John will update Ft Point page with new details.

Climate Change: (Dan)

- No report.

New Business:

- Potential conservation purchase – Old Woods Farm, Lot 11
- Rick spoke to owner and made an initial offer, which was refused
- Select Board asked CC to get an appraisal based on land in conservation
 - Hopefully bid will come in by end of week but appraisal will be out a few months
- Land For Maine Futures (LFM) has seen the property and could provide some funding
- Funding – will need to raise money
 - Water company may contribute
 - OWF home owners will contribute
 - Other

Planning Board Update: (Terry) Not here

Select Board Update: (Steve) Not here

Motion to adjourn by John. Seconded by Dale. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Meyer