

## **Finalized Minutes**

### **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday September 7, 2017**

**Attendance:** Joss Coggeshall, Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, Les Hyde, Ingrid Mroz, Suzanne Hall, Anita Siegenthaler, John Knuerr and Tammy Willey.

**Announcements:** New GRLT trail open at Ash Point Preserve in Owls Head. Owls head CC will have a talk on bats on Oct. 29 (location tbd).

**Modifications to Agenda:** Invasives

**Minutes:** Motion by Les to approve July minutes. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Education Committee:** (Suzanne)

- Summer Topic: "Life on the Edge: Will Clamming Survive?" on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Town Office was well attended and produced good discussions.
- Fall Topic on Corvids by Don Reimer date set for November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Spring 2018 Topic: Invasives planned as the topic.

**Steam Restoration:** (Ryan/Joss/Les)

- The first attempt to survey the creek and banks by Ben Matthews (Nature Conservancy) was unsuccessful. He will resurvey in October. Mark Jorden (Engineer) will design the granite steps (possibly 5 to 6, five-inch high by two feet wide) at no cost to the Town. However, funds must be procured to complete the project. Les will work on a more comprehensive project to include the parking lot (creek access ramp), creek banks and invasives removal.

**Footpaths:** (Ingrid/Ryan)

- Town Trail and Fort Point: Tom Gorrill has been generously worked on the trails. Ingrid will organize a group to use remaining boards to repair and create additional ramps.
- Additional signage recommended for Jones Brook trail at the southern end.

**Town Solar:** (Dan/Joss)

- The Town signed a Power Purchase Agreement with ReVision in August. A 67.5 kw system on the Transfer Station roof is scheduled for completion in 2017.
- A bill to replace the PUC ruling failed. Unless the PUC ruling is overturned 'net metering' in Maine will be phased out in 15 years.

**Land Trust Coordination:** (Ken/Les)

- Bamford: Demolition of the old Woodcrafter's building was completed. The CC is invited to meet on site with Amanda (MCHT) to discuss location and size of the parking lot and the proposed trail to Long Cove.
- Meadowbrook property: MCHT recently closed on the property. Les made a **MOTION**: The CC recommends that the Town accept the gift of the Meadowbrook Preserve from MCHT. CC would perform stewardship. Seconded by Joss. Approved unanimously.
- Clark Island: MCHT agreed to purchase 130 acres on the island for \$3.5 M. An additional \$500 K will be raised for stewardship. The offer will expire in 2 years if funds are not procured by then.

## **New Business**

**Maine Assoc. of CC Membership:** Les made a **MOTION**: To join MACC and pay dues for 2017. Seconded by Suzanne. Approved unanimously.

**Select Board Update:** (Tammy) Tim signed the solar PPA with ReVision and is working on eliminating power spikes to save more on energy use.

**Invasives:** (Les) Talked with Allison and Amy Palmer at St. George School about a student project to identify and map invasives on Town land. Mapping can begin in Spring as part of stream reclamation project. Suzanne and Anita volunteered to participate.

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

**Motion to adjourn by Joss. Seconded by Ingrid. Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo