

## **St. George Conservation Commission for Thursday November 2, 2023**

### **Attendance**

Members: Ken Oelberger, John Meyer, Dale Pierson, Dick Pelletier, Ryan LeShane, Tom Gorrill

Select Board: Steve Cartwright

Planning Board: None

Public: None

**Public Comments:** None

### **Announcements & Communications:**

- Newsletter inputs requested by 11/20
  - Add a note about recruitment for new CC member
- Email received about jumping worms, see new business

**Modifications of Agenda:** None

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

### **Old Business**

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

- Progress:
  - Kennebec Trails has completed the point including new picnic table areas.
  - Approximately 800' of trail back from the point has been completed as well as a bog bridge approaching the point
- Reimbursement:
  - Ken will start working on the submittal for the next reimbursement check next week
  - About \$90K in expenses have accrued since the first payment
- Discussion of Volunteer Tasks
  - Upgrade kiosk
  - Kiosk surface area, to steps
  - Signs
  - Remove old bog bridging
  - Two weeks out for volunteer tasks
  - Richard Cohen's crew
    - Ken to discuss with Richard
    - So far, they have not been available
    - Ken will ask Richard if he might donate an equivalent dollar value instead
- Soft opening in November
  - CC will promote a soft opening when the trail is complete in November.

- After completion of the remaining tasks such as kiosk area there will be a formal opening in the spring to coincide with National Trail days on June 1

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

- GRLT: None
- MCHT: None
- KCCC: Next meeting in December
- MEACC:
  - Ken went to MEACC meeting, Van Thompson also attended.
  - Open space plans – Bridgeton hired someone to do a plan.
    - Ken will distribute when he gets it.
  - Should our comprehensive planning group consider this?
    - Ken will talk to Jane Conrad about this.
  - Discussion about Community Resilience Grants similar to what we did with Sebago for the shoreland survey
    - Van was there and added to the discussion

**Trails: (John M.)**

- No blowdowns or other routine maintenance this past month
- Hunting signs have been posted at Meadow Brook, Town Forest, and Ft. Point
- Jones Brook (from Rt 131)
  - Initial work on new route through Historical Society property
  - Marcy will go back to measure for required bog bridging
- Jones Brook from Town Forest
  - Marcy and GRLT crew cleared blow downs and cut back overgrown brush on the trail up to Miller's property.
  - Marcy offered that we may want to change the sign at the end of the trail
    - John will follow up and coordinate with Marcy to get new sign installed

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

- No report.

**Events and Education: (John K) Not Present**

- John K will write an article for next newsletter, no events planned

**Website Update: (John M.)**

- No updates this past month

**Climate Change: (No Coverage)**

- No report.

**New Business:**

- Jumping worms
  - We received an email from a concerned citizen
    - Can we prevent worms from getting in town compost pile?
  - Town pile goes up to 140F – does this kill the worms
  - All worms in Maine are invasive
  - Ryan will send info to Ken to pass along

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

**Select Board Update:** (Steve)

- Town in contact with landowner on Old Woods Farm lot 11, no progress
- Cold Storage project coming along fine, longer steel needed
  - New name is Port Clyde Landing
  - Add a green space

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

Respectfully submitted by John Meyer