

## **Finalized Minutes**

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

**Attendance** Members: Dan Verrillo, Ken Oelberger, John Knuerr, Dale Pierson, John Meyer and Ryan LeShane; Also: Steve Cartwright (SB) and Terry Bracket (CEO).

**Public Comments:** None

#### **Announcements:**

- Newsletter inputs requested by 3/19

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

#### **Old Business**

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

- Submitted \$38 k reimbursement. Approved by State.
- Extension of the trail around the point was discussed with Doug Beck. A GPS track was submitted. He thinks that additional funds will be available. Must go out for bids.
- Walked the extension with J. Copeland (KTC) this morning and created a GPS track for the State. KTC will provide a budgetary estimate.

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

- GRLT:
- MCHT: Town donation of \$500 expected in the FY24 budget. Dale will check on the Clark Is. apple pruning event.

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

- Took care of blowdowns on Fort Point and Les Hyde.
- Jones Brook: Logging is done. Will inspect for trail damage and possible rerouting.

**Invasives:** (John K.) Met with property owner on removing knotweed.

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

- John and Ken will attend meeting of Knox County CC's.
- Possible public event to demonstrate removal of multiflora rose at ballfield.

**Website Update:** (John M.) Updated Invasives and SLR pages.

##### **Climate Change:** (Dan)

- February Resilience Newsletter available. Will send to CC members and post on SLR page.
- Resilience Committee:
  1. Met on February 15<sup>th</sup> to prepare for round-table meeting.

2. About 20 people attended Round-table Meeting held on February 28<sup>th</sup> by Zoom and at the Town building.
  - Terry Bennett (Sebaga Technics): Project to map the vulnerable areas that were identified by the Committee. Will use drones and lidar imagery to render 3-D maps for modelling purposes. Very useful in demonstrating various flood and erosion scenarios as well as possible mitigation solutions.
  - Meg Rasmussen (MCOG): Will use the results of the study to show how the community and economy can adapt to sea level rise.
  - The results will be available to the public by early fall.

**Town Report Review: (Ken).**

- CC ok-ed report.

**FY-24 Budget Request: (Ken).**

- SB will approve a budget at their next meeting. CC budget is expected to remain as submitted.

**New Business**

**Local CC's: (Ken).**

- Discussed above, meeting to be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Board Update: (Terry) Nothing new**

**Select Board Update: (Steve)**

- Ken attended the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for the budget discussion.
- Cold Storage bid awarded. Dale volunteered to look into beautification ideas.

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Verrillo