

Town Lands Committee – 03/08/2021 VIA ZOOM – Final

Members Present – David Morton, Ned Perry, Ken Oehmig, Hope Hilton, Priscilla Seimer, Jane Smith.

Admin – Paul Plummer, Harbormaster

Guest - Richard Bean

Minutes of last meeting approved

A brief discussion on the need to update Committee minutes posted to the Town website was concluded with Paul offering to pursue the issue with Administration.

Updates

- Tide Mill – no new progress to date, awaiting weather improvement
- Dog Taskforce – Town Lands Committee contribution concluded at this time. The issue will be re-introduced should additional input from Town Lands be requested.

Old Business

- Toilets – It was noted that dark green toilets were available for installation. It is anticipated that installation at Bethel Point, at least, may happen this Spring.
- Stewardship Coordination – Ned reported that, with help from Priscila, a draft document is in progress.
- Climate Resiliency Implementation Taskforce –
 - Identify and prioritize sites for monitoring – Lookout Point, Hildreth Landing, Garrison Cove, Mackerel Cove, Potts Point Landing and Town Dock were all mentioned as heavily used, vulnerable sites.
 - Consistency of view and orientation of photo documentation of King tides should be established at each site. It was noted that Conservation Commission has already established photography posts at some sites to facilitate consistency. It was suggested that a “taking and uploading photos” tutorial, conducted by the Conservation Commission, would be helpful to Committee members.
 - Dates of upcoming King tides were noted, and volunteers were accepted to photo document tide levels at the Town Lands sites mentioned above, beginning this month, March 2021.
- Signs and HHLT – waiting for response from HHLT to draft signage offered by Town Lands
- Poison Ivy – The Committee recommends a more frequent cutting of the ivy to mitigate its spread and interference with trail usage.
- 2021 Goals were reviewed. Questions regarding updating of the Town Policy Manual with the forthcoming Town Land Stewards Guidelines were discussed.

New Business

- Harbormaster office and wharf – Committee expressed support for the idea of a centrally located, land accessible Harbormaster Office and Dock. Several sites were discussed as possibilities, including Merrit Landing, Devil’s Back, sites on Ewing Narrows, and others.
- Google Drive – Ken reminded the Committee to continue testing the web accessible site for uploading and reviewing Committee related documents.
- Paul discussed the Coastal Community Grant as a possible source of funding for climate change mitigation projects related to Town Lands, i.e. Lookout Point. Deadline for application is Mid-April. The Committee expressed support for pursuing the Grant.

Next meeting – April 12, 5:30pm, outside at Town Center parking lot, weather permitting.