

Town Lands Committee Meeting VIA Zoom, Dec. 14, 2020 FINAL

Present: Committee Members, David Morton, Hope Hilton, Jane Smith, Ken Oehmig, Priscilla Seimer, Ned Perry

Staff: Paul Plummer

Guests: Hugh Hardwell

- **Minutes of November meeting reviewed and accepted**
- **Pat Robinson Memorial Fund**

Hugh Hardwell, representing the Islands Community Church, presented a request to establish a memorial structure at the Mackerel Cove town lands site for the late Pat Robinson, of Bailey Island. This memorial would be funded by a donation to the church from the estate of Pat Robinson. Initial suggestions included a bench, picnic table, tree planting, and/or exercise stations at Mackerel Cove. While general interest in the idea of a memorial was voiced, limitations imposed by the HHLT easement on the town property would need to be reviewed. It was also noted that specific town policies would be helpful in evaluating this and future requests for similar projects. Other Town Land trails and property were discussed as possible sites. Any decision was postponed pending consultation with town staff and the land trust.

Updates

- **Tide Mill**
Paul Plummer noted that no new work has been done by the contractor to date. Work will proceed over the winter months with the exception of plantings that will need to wait for Spring.
- **Canine Taskforce**
The Taskforce will hold a public Zoom meeting Dec. 15 4:00pm. It is anticipated that some mention of the task force work will be discussed at a future select board meeting.
- **Climate Resiliency Taskforce**
Ken updated the committee on the formation of a Climate Resiliency Implementation group. Members of the Conservation Commission as well as Town Lands are expected to participate. First meeting will be some time in January.

Old Business

- **Portable Toilets**
This is an ongoing subject of discussion. Based on initial consultation with code enforcement, it appears that enclosed portable toilets are possible on town lands that lie adjacent to water. A possible toilet was discussed for Mackerel Cove but was postponed pending further discussion with HHLT who holds a conservation easement on the relevant land. The committee will be updated as facts develop.

New Business

- **Fisherman Storage at Mackerel Cove**
Paul noted that the Select Board is considering an earlier date for storage removal in the Spring. Town Lands voted unanimously in support of a May 15 deadline for owners to remove stored equipment.

- **Steward Report**

The recent steward report on the Cliff Trail, done by Tony Barrett was discussed and appreciation expressed by the Committee. The Upland Lane Parcel, map 41-77, was briefly mentioned by Ken as a site of potential use and future Committee discussion.

- **Ongoing projects and goals for 2021** The list of ongoing committee efforts was reviewed briefly. discussed.

1. Consultation with town staff as to any existing Town policy on alcohol use on Town lands
2. Continued Rugosa control at Graveyard Point.
3. A Select Board Rockweed Workshop planned for early 2021
4. Resolution of Lookout Point trash hopeful for 2021
5. Committee agreed to ask HIPP to survey our Town Lands and have HIPP contact the appropriate Town Land stewards with an invite to participate. Priscilla will coordinate with HIPP.
6. Review and determine any further action to re-set the Giant's Stairs resting stones.

Next meeting scheduled on Zoom for Tuesday, Jan. 12, 8:30a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.