

Georgetown Conservation Commission
Minutes
February 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM – via Zoom

I. **Call to order and welcome. 6:32 p.m.**

II. **Determine quorum.** Present: Kathy Gravino, chair*, Aria Ee**, Roger Bogart*, Ruth Indrick*, Nancy Kinner*, Maureen Stanton*, Jessica Weller** [*Member / **Associate Member]. Select board member: Bronwen Tudor. Financial Advisory Committee Members (FAC): Lisa Donaldson and Julie Pankey

III. **Minutes** from the January 10, 2022 and the Special Meeting February 2, 2022 were both approved as written.

IV. **Annual Budget Review** - Lisa Donaldson provided an update from the FAC. This year, there is an "actuals" column, and the FAC would like a summary in that column of how much the committee has spent YTD, and how much we think we will spend by the end of the FY (i.e., how much funding, if any, will be returned to the town's budget).

Ruth suggested setting up a reserve fund for trail maintenance so that we can be more flexible when needs arise, to address emergency situations and/or unpredictable trail maintenance needs.

Lisa explained how to set up a preserve maintenance reserve fund: the CC should write a justification statement and a budget for annual allotment into the reserve fund, and then add this to our budget this year.

The FAC would like the draft budget by March 18 to present to the select board.

Kathy suggested carrying over the budget from last year, with one change: splitting the usual trail maintenance/development budget, with half into a line item for the next year, and half into a new trail maintenance reserve fund.

V. **Project Updates**

UNH Student Project: Georgetown Energy Working Group – Progress continues on this project. The students will deliver their report in early May.

Big Night(s) - This usually occurs in late March or early April. Jessica has recruited six volunteers so far, and has been gathering supplies. Jessica will present the Big Night concept to the school on March 4th and read the book to the students, then donate the book to the library. We need a gathering place to meet and hand out supplies. Zoom training sessions are scheduled for Sunday, March 6th at 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday March 9 at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be recorded and available to those who cannot make those times.

A motion was made to approve invoices that Jessica has for Big Night expenses. The motion was approved.

VI. **Old Business**

Climate Change Adaptation Report - The update is in progress.

VII. **New Business**

Winter/Spring Programs

Program on Climate Change in Gulf of Maine - This will be scheduled for summer or later in 2022, depending on certain factors (i.e., if in-person meetings can be held, other events, etc.)

Owl Prowl - Aria Eee will follow up on this event for a tentative mid-March date.

Survey of Round the Cove (John Wood) -

A motion was made to pay John Wood \$2000 as down payment for survey work at RTC. The motion was approved.

Tidal Flooding on Williams Road - The flooding is being monitored and photographed for the record.

Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider Grant - The Select board approved our request to participate in this opportunity with neighboring towns, and the town sent a letter of support to the service provider for their grant application. This grant will provide technical support from Service Providers in developing our Community Action Grant application.

The community action grant subcommittee will continue to explore potential grant projects for the Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant by matching the grantor's funding categories with Georgetown's Comprehensive Plan and Climate Change Adaptation Report.

VIII. **Next Meeting:** March 14, 2022 6:30 p.m.

IX. **Meeting Adjourned** at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Stanton