**Georgetown Conservation Commission**

**Minutes**

**Monday, September 11th 6:30pm**

**I**  **Call to order and welcome at 6:36pm**

**II**  **Determine quorum—**Members Present: Nancy Kinner\*, Jessica Weller\*

Roger Bogart\*, Sue Shade\*\*, Aria Eee\*\*

[\*Member/\*\*Associate Member]

Select Board Member: Bronwen Tudor

**III**   **Minutes from August 14, 2023 meeting were approved as written**

**IV**   **Public Comment** -No Public Comment

**V          Old Business**

**Community Resilience Partnership**

1. **Community Action Grant update**

The group met with Joe Lloyd from Sparhawk Group. They did a Level II audit for Harpswell for the CRP grant. Joe is eager to do the work but he thinks that the money granted would only allow for a level 3 audit on one building. He proposed a level 2 audit and said we had enough money to do 3 buildings and to leave out the First Church. We are happy with the proposal and will ask him to include more of our community outreach in his timeline. Nancy thinks we may want a breakdown of the funds. We need to give Tyler the go ahead so we can get this project started.

1. **Review Community Outreach Outline**

Jessica sent out a rough draft of the outline for the Community Outreach portion of the grant. She quickly reviewed it with the group and talked about next steps.

1. **Report from Roger of Meeting of the Regional CRP Group**

Ten people were at the meeting of the 5 towns in the partnership group. Roger shared all that is going on in GT with the group. They were very eager to hear about our town and all that we are doing to build community (Age Friendly, CC Potlucks etc.). He said it was a great meeting, very worthwhile and that the next meeting will be in April.

**VI         New Business**

**A.**    **2023 Coastal Clean-up (Saturday Sept 30th 9:30-12:30)**

1. **Volunteers for Trash Collection at Transfer Station**

We need to have volunteers present for this time period to help sort and organize trash.

1. **Prizes**
   1. How will folks win a prize?

Each group that collects coastal trash and brings it to the Georgetown Transfer Station between 9:30-12:30 on Saturday, Sept 30th will be eligible to pick an envelope from the prize wall. There will be 15 envelopes, six with $20-25 gift card prizes. The person with the most unique item will be featured in a future Georgetown *Tide* article.

* 1. Who is donating prizes—Nancy-Osprey, Jess-Amazon, Aria-Dunks, Kathy said she might donate too
  2. Jessica will give aria 15 envelopes for the prize board. She will put $1 scratch tix in the losing envelopes ;)

1. **Advertising**

Aria will call Dave Knauber about the sign board and Jess will email Clif. Jim Peavey will send out a write up and the poster and Aria will blast it to her groups as well. Jessica will have Maureen post it on Facebook.

1. **Expedition to Salters Island?**

Jessica and family have volunteered to drive a boat out for this clean up but we are waiting to hear back from the family and it will be weather pending. If not this year, maybe in the spring.

**B. Fall Potluck (Energy Conservation Theme?)**

The Harvest Potluck is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th from 12-2pm at

the GCC. Nancy will make the turkey and the theme of the event will be “Get Ready for Winter”. There will be space for information about how to make homes more energy efficient for long winter ahead. This will fit in with the community outreach component of our CRP grant. Jessica will write an article for the *Tide* and we will make advertisements going forward. Nancy will confirm the date with the GCC.

**C.   Nurdles ZOOM Presentation**

Nancy has just returned from a workshop in Maryland about nurdles and has so much information to share with our community. She feels we probably have nurdles on our beaches. We will discuss a potential date for this presentation at a future meeting.

**D. Website**

The group feels that we should continue on with paying for the website for next

year. Aria did talk with Lee Johnson and will touch base

**E. RTC Work-Day in October with the School?**

Aria will check in with Nina about scheduling a RTC work-day with the school.

**F. Tide articles due tomorrow September 12th**

Jessica will submit an article about the Harvest Potluck

**VII      Updates**

**Friends of Reid State Park and Rec Committee Update**

The Fall Frolic/Reid State Park Art show is this weekend at Reid State Park from 10am-2pm. They are still looking for volunteers. Sue volunteers to help with the Conservation Table

**VIII   October Meeting**

                         A. Look into Ordinance/Town Policies for public use of

                              town preserves. Tyler is researching this with MMA

B. Request from GCC to use town land for a community play space

**IX      Next month’s meeting is moved to Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:30pm**

**IX        Meeting Adjourned at 7:06pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Weller