

Stoddard Conservation Commission

Minutes

Date: March 25, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall Parking Lot

Members Present: Geoff ✓ Paul ✓ Scott ✓ Helen ✓ Bob ✓ Margo A

Guests: None

Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of Feb. 26, 2020 meeting
2. Follow-up on request for a Geocache at Stoddard Rocks: John Marien, who appeared at the last meeting to request a Geocache site at Stoddard Rocks (which we approved) told me in a 3/3/20 e-mail the Earth Cache reviewer objected to his site proposal for a variety of reasons. He was going to contact Meade Cadot (Ph.D. in geology) and Dr. Charles Kerwin, a former geology professor at KSC to see if he could come up with a description of the Stoddard Rocks site that would make it unique and interesting enough to win approval of the Earth Cache website.
3. Carbon Dividend Act.....request from Bob Winterbottom: Due to the COVID~19 crisis, Bob was having difficulty obtaining enough signatures, and because he was unaware of the change in the schedule for the town meeting, he was holding off until he got more information about public meetings.
4. Budget for 2020.....same as last year
5. Status of Town Meeting: Moved to June 12th with voting taking place on June 6.
6. Status of Date to Submit Articles for Town Warrant: Selectman will be flexible.....probably a month before the meeting (early May)
7. Article to change street lights
 - Developing a Fact Sheet
 - Obtaining field data from a variety of lighting conditions with the Sky Quality Meter, an instrument used to measure relative light Pollution (different street light intensities)
 - Will see about whether or not to submit an article, which would be contingent upon the ability to have a public meeting a week or two before the town meeting....all being held hostage to the fluid COVID~19 pandemic.

Next Meeting: *Tentatively* April 22, 2020, (Earth Day) 7:35 pm @ Town Hall

Time of Adjournment: 6:30+/-

Respectfully Submitted,
Geoffrey T. Jones, chair