**Georgetown Conservation Commission**

**Minutes**

**Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. [via Zoom]**

**I          Call to order at 6:33 PM**

**II         Quorum: Jessica Weller (chair), Kathy Gravino, Cheryl Swift, Nancy Kinner, Susan Shade, Ruth Indrick, Bronwen Tudor, Roger Bogart**

**III        Review and approve minutes from August 12, 2024 meeting with amendment: Approved**

**IV        Public Comment: No public present**

**V.       Old Business**

**A.** Energy Audit Update: Sparhawk presentation was attended by ~30 people (in person and on-line). Kathy wrote an excellent summary. See attached.

B. MOU Revisions Update: Tyler has asked CC to give new school principal time to settle in before proceeding with this.

C. Clean Up Plan: Saturday, Sept 21 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Posters are up. Supplies are available to Georgetown citizens. Times Record has interviewed Ruth about the event. Several CC members will be at Transfer Station to help.

D. Ipcar Reserve Survey: John Wood will do a map of the trails. This is important for first responders. There are names for the Ipcar trails. Signs have been made and posted. The Round the Cove trails may have names. Roger and Kathy will check into this. If there are no names, Kathy and Roger will suggest names to the CC for its approval. Kathy will determine cost of signs.

E. GCC Playground Area: The playground is finished. GCC did not think they needed consultation from the CC. Jessica will draft an MOU about liability, maintenance, safety, tree cutting, etc.

F. The CC voted unanimously to create an application that groups (including town committees) would need to submit when they want to use town property that is under management of the CC. The CC would review the application for liability, safety, maintenance etc and make a recommendation regarding approval to the selectboard. The CC will bring this process recommendation and application to the Select Board for its approval. The TOPMB has a similar process. Cheryl will draft the application for CC to review at its next meeting.

**VI.      New Business**

1. Community Calendar: There will not be a community calendar.
2. Renewal for Community Resilience Partnership will be submitted by September 19.
3. Fall Program at GHS—Prehistoric Sites. On hold until Spring or Summer 2025.

NOAA Disaster Preparedness team will do a storm readiness presentation. Date is Nov 13, 2024 at 7 pm on Zoom. KELT would like to be a joint sponsor. Nancy will make posters. Jessica will put it in Tide.

1. CC website: Jon Hagan started it. Lee Johnson has been running it. Kathy has been paying the website fee. She is reimbursed by the town. WordPress is a difficult website platform. The website is a placeholder. Nancy will take over the payment. Jessica and Ruth will brainstorm on possible easier platforms.
2. Georgetown Affordable Housing Initiative: Housing needs assessment has been done. There was a Georgetown groundwater study done in the 1990s. The state of Georgetown’s groundwater supply is an important issue for many reasons. CC could apply for a community resilience grant as Westport did to fund a new groundwater study. Jessica will get a copy of the report from Westport. Cheryl suggested that the CC insure that connections between existing open spaces are maintained for wildlife.

**VII.           Updates**

 A. KELT: On September 21 at 1pm, Morse Pond Nature Walk. Ruth will run this.

 B. Friends of Reid State Park Update: Membership drive continues. Art Show September 14 at Reid from 10 am to 2 pm.

 C. Other Updates: None

**VII.         Next Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm**

**IX.         Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kinner