

A little over one year from its inception, the Treasure Island Exploratory Committee is pleased to present an outline of its activities in 2021. Through the end of December, the committee convened almost 30 times and collectively has volunteered hundreds of hours in service to the Town and Treasure Island. As part of its work, the Committee:

- surveyed Town residents about their hopes and priorities for Treasure Island through listserv, the town Face Book page and in-person meetings at locale establishments.
- invited employees from prior summers to describe their experiences and recommendations
- advised the new Town Manager on hiring for the summer
- helped recruit applicants for lifeguard and coordinator positions
- raised \$9,000 to support a part-time Treasure Island coordinator position (Brittany Burke)
- promoted and helped supervise community clean-up day on May 22
- drafted an AARP Grant for AccessMats for seniors and disabled beachgoers
- designed and ordered a new entrance sign and planned fundraisers to support its purchase
- began creating a long-range master plan with the Town Manager
- oversaw the creation of the first-ever detailed property map and proposed trail map that will also be used by LakeWise and for the master plan
- convened “Nature Associates” Zoom meetings with potential conservation partners
- published two issues of the *Lake Fairlee Nature Associates* newsletter
- sent representatives to the Thetford and West Fairlee Conservation Commission meetings to discuss joint interests
- advised the Selectboard on Treasure Island enrollment in the LakeWise program through White River Conservation District
- began cataloguing and mapping the many natural assets of Treasure Island and visiting neighboring wetlands for nature and conservation activities and future involvement in the state’s Lake Watershed Action Plan

The Committee looks forward to an even busier and more productive 2022!

Thank you! –David Roth, Chair on behalf of: AJ Kemon, Luke Stepno, Megan Dubuque, Dale Gephart, Doug Tiffit & Jim Zien