



TOWN LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Commission)

Town of Cumberland

290 Tuttle Road

Cumberland, ME 04021

Date: February 3, 2022

(** = town manager; * = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++ = Code enforcement officer; (T) = trails SC; (F) = forest SC)

Bill Shane**, Bill Longley ++; Tom Gruber + (abs); Mark Segrist +; Allison Foster+

To: Members:

Jennifer Bell (abs)

George Turner (abs)

(F) Ted Chadbourne

(T) Shaun Breton

Matt Grondin

Pete Wilson

(F) Melissa Cott

(T) Stephen Fitzgerald

Ellen Hoffman

David Young (abs)

(F) Denny Gallaudet ✓

(T) *John Jensenius ✓

John Jensenius vice*

(F) John Leavitt

(T) Matthew Leclair

Riva Krut (abs)

(F) *Gordon Lichter ✓

(T) Brian Stearns

*Mike Schwindt

(F) Linda Putnam

(T) John Stewart

(F) Sally Stockwell

(T) Don Stowell

Climate Action Subcommittee:

Sukie Curtis, Jenn Grasso, Jesse Lamarre-Vincent, Denny Gallaudet, Riva Krut, Ivy Frignoca

Note: Only members of the Commission and voting members of the subcommittees need attend. “✓” indicates subcommittee member attended Commission meeting.

From: Ellen Hoffman

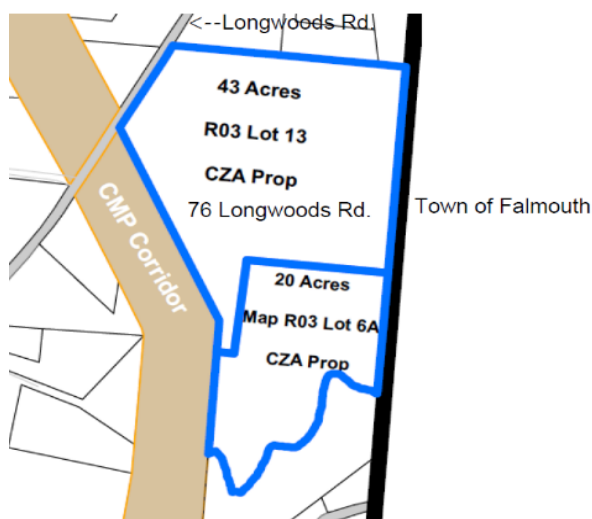
Re: Meeting February 2, 2022. Meeting held via Zoom. Rod Vogel (Land Trust) was also in attendance.

- January minutes were approved as written.
- Gordon Lichter was introduced as new chair of Forestry Subcommittee.
- Town Council (Allison)
 - Survey approved by Town Council. Will be distributed in the few weeks. Available through Survey Monkey as well as hard copies. Notice to residence through post cards, as well as the Crier and social media. Survey will cover a broad range of topics. Take about 20 minutes to complete. Available to all residents with an email address, not just one per household.
 - Coffee chats on serving the community and running for local office. Four week series to meet and talk to municipal leaders. Representatives from North Yarmouth, MSAD51 and Cumberland will be on hand at the library to meet with the community and try and get residences more engaged. Meeting held in person and also via Zoom. Starts Thursday morning February 10 8:30-9:30.
- Commission (Mike)
 - Bill report (Bill L and summarized from Bill L's notes):
 - During the month of January 2022, 22 permits were issued for a variety of structures such as: pools, sheds, decks, renovations, additions, and solar installations.
 - Oceanview Phase I (Tuttle Rd) under construction; 37 permits have been issued. All but one of the lots has been reserved in Phase I.



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- Christmas Creek – under construction; 19 building permits issued.
- Orchard Rd - Cortland Court – seven building permits issued. Bill S mentioned he talked to developer about HOA easement. Currently not sure where the easement document is. Waiting for minor revisions. Easement for passive uses. Want to make sure connection in future to Terrison Orchard.
- Blanchard Oaks – Peaceful Way – four building permits issued and all 13 lots are sold or pending sale per the developer. Base coat of paving was delayed due to weather until spring.
- Planning Board meeting scheduled for February will include:
 - Public hearing: Recommendation to the Town Council for a proposed Contract Zone agreement with Synergosity LLC, for The Grange at 76 Longwoods Rd. Bill mentioned that this property is currently in Tree Growth and since only barn proposed to being built, will have little impact on property taxation.



- Items to be addressed in future Planning Board meeting:
 - Oceanview Phase II – proposed revision to storm water plan
 - Coastal Landscaping proposed changes at Middle Road location
 - Update Shoreland Zoning to comply with State changes
 - 10-Lot subdivision between 1-95 & Old Gray Road in the VMDR zone.
- Mike looking to finalize budget request for fiscal 2023. Want to coordinate our budget with Town's fiscal year. Some minor edits to existing request such as wording to use "pilot project" instead of "tax rebate" for legal reasons, whose purpose is to incentivize purchasing environmental or sustainable friendly products. Pete made motion for LCC to request a budget of \$112,000 plus the amounts indicated by "\$1 value" – where amount is not known, to the Town Council. John seconded motion. Passed unanimously 6-0. See preliminary budget below:



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- Climate Action Subcommittee (Mike) – Charter was for a two years. Has a strong sustainability component which is ongoing and requires follow up such as the Casco Bay and its watershed, and initiatives under the CAP. The subcommittee drafted a new charter under a broader umbrella without a termination date and will be known as the Sustainability Subcommittee. The Sustainability Subcommittee will have at least six members and not have a membership cap. Pete made motion to adapt the charter as amended for the Sustainability Subcommittee. Matt seconded. Passed unanimously 6-0. See the proposed charter below:

CHARTER

Sustainability Subcommittee
Lands and Conservation Commission
Cumberland, Maine

WHEREAS, the Town of Cumberland has committed to reduce net Greenhouse Gas Emissions “GHG” by 2050 by 100% from a 2015 baseline,

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee has developed a Climate Action Plan (“CAP”) to accomplish this reduction thus fulfilling the goals of its two-year Charter dated January 8, 2020,

WHEREAS, the Town of Cumberland (the “Town”) and Maine School Administrative District #51 (the “School”) have already undertaken important initiatives to reduce individually their GHG,

WHEREAS, the Lands and Conservation Commission (the “LCC”) believes it would be beneficial for the Town and the School to implement the CAP and to enhance the sustainability of the community generally,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LCC establish a Sustainability Subcommittee (the “SSC”) to guide the development of policies and practices that promote a Sustainable Cumberland, including energy conservation, environmental stewardship, food security and community resilience,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SSC consist of at least six (6) members appointed as needed by the LCC with initial members being Sukie Curtis, Ivy Frignoca, Denny Gallaudet, Jennifer Grasso, Riva Krut and Jesse Lamarre-Vincent,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SSC monitor and promote implementation of the actions recommended by the CAP,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SSC develop stakeholder groups of residents, business owners, town and school officials and other interested parties to provide input into ongoing and future sustainability planning and proposed actions,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the support of the Town and the education of the citizens of Cumberland is a critical component of the complex actions that will be needed to implement a successful SSC.

Adopted February 2, 2022



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- Mike mentioned a gift of \$200 from the Foreside Garden Club to the Town to be used for the Butterfly Garden area. John made a motion to recommend the Town accept the gift of \$200 from the Foreside Garden Club and use for the Butterfly Garden and the surrounding area. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously 6-0. Bill said the money should be sent to the Town and that the LCC can work against that amount.
- Public outreach (Matt)
 - Matt has been working with Whitney to update LCC's presence on the Town's website. It was noted that member names have gone missing under the Commission's homepage. Matt has subsequently reported that the Forestry and Trails subcommittees' member listing has been restored to the LCC main page. He also subsequently mentioned to Whitney to mark John Chair of Trails Subcommittee and Gordon Chair of Forestry subcommittee.
 - LCC would like to see a bigger emphasis on Town trail maps. Should advertise this in the Crier and on our social media sites as our trail data gets put online.
 - Matt said he still needs to do a piece in the Crier regarding the tree barrier planted along Route 1.
 - John asked that a blurb be put in the Crier or on the website about the new parking lot for Rines. People are still parking along Range Rd.
- Mike reminded the subcommittee chairs that he would like a work plan for the upcoming year for discussion at our March meeting. The budget and the work plan should coincide with the Town's fiscal year. He would also like a recap of the 2021 work plan. He mentioned that there was a nice write up in the Town's Annual Report on the LCC (see page 64).
- Recreational Trails Subcommittee - (John)
 - John was re-elected as subcommittee chair.
 - Rines Forest - The parking lot has been plowed and is ready for use. The Town and John both put up signs indicating location of parking and trails.
 - Kiosks – John and Mike met with Andrew (Boy Scout) to discuss the kiosks. Andrew plans to make 6-8 kiosks for the Town for his Eagle Scout project. He hopes to be done by early May. Andrew will make a presentation to LCC at March meeting.
 - John gave a short demonstration of the trail/sidewalk mapping effort that he, Ellen and Mike have been working on. The trails and sidewalks have all been GIS'd and are ready to be viewed by members of the LCC (not available to the general public). John will forward a link for viewing and information on how to use the app and is looking for LCC members to provide comments, suggestions or corrections. The goal is to show trails on both public and private (with permission) land that are open for public use. Next step is to decide on the format of the GIS landing page and how to present the open space parcels and the trails in a user friendly format.



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- Broad Cove – Rod Vogel mentioned that the Spears Hill Trail at Broad Cove is not open yet. It also is not displayed in our GIS data. Rod suggested John and I coordinate with Chris Cabot of the CCLT on trails and properties for display.
- Snow Dog was run on Sunday at Knight's Pond to groom a few trails. John questioned which trails were groomed; some were not the ones John expected to be groomed. Rod and John will meet to discuss. LCC members are encouraged to check out the trails and solicit feedback from any users that they encounter at Knight's Pond using the groomed trails.
- Forest and Natural Resources Subcommittee (Gordon and Sally's notes)
 - Project Canopy accepted Paul's management plan submissions.
 - Paul has been working on invasive species management plans and readying them for submission to the State.
 - Knight's Pond
 - Harvest – issue with access. Is the FAA road a possibility? Bill S looking into that, but limited access through neighborhood so unlikely. Erosion on woods road at end of Greely Rd Extension an issue as well. That will need to be taken care of whether a harvest is conducted or not.
 - How best to manage oak-hickory stands? This is the northern most reaches for shagbark hickory.
 - Review cutting of saplings for view atop Blueberry Hill. If cutting is to continue, then need to mark off area, but other taller trees further back likely to obstruct view over time.
 - Rines 2 – Milliken/Godsoe - No harvesting recommended in immediate future; invasive plants need to be addressed. How to access property? Bill S working on getting access at corner of Rines/Godsoe from Waterhouses.
 - Rines Forest – Looking at Town Forest invasive plant management as a test case for how this approach might work in Rines.
 - Twin Brook harvest – A formal agreement with Jeff Storey regarding harvest has been reached. This is the final year. Cutting in corner near Christmas Creek, will be tight to finish harvest this season. Looking ahead, need new management plan. Look into funding through Project Canopy.
 - Education and outreach opportunities such as vernal pools at Knight's Pond, invasive plant control, and erosion control.
- Climate Action Subcommittee (Mike)
 - Climate Action Plan (3rd revision) still in draft (version has been emailed to members). Please review and report corrections/suggestions to Riva by February 9th. Pete made motion upon finalization, CAP II be sent to the Town Council to accept and implement. John seconded. Passed unanimously 6-0.



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- Pete questioned how do we review CAP for accuracy on numbers. Denny said that estimates are based on relevant assumptions; need to use long term forecast on technology that is changing.
- Invasive plants (Mike)
 - The State is updating the invasive plant list potentially adding 30 new species.
 - We should rethink harvesting, since it exposes more of the forest floor to sunlight which allows for more invasive plant growth. Should we review what we are doing; discuss at March meeting.
 - Emerald Ash Borer has been spotted in Gray.
 - There has been no cutting for invasive plants in the Town Forest.
- Farmland assessment (Dave) – No update
- Next meeting March 2 - 7:00 PM. Zoom or in person –TBD.