

TOWN LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Commission)

Town of Cumberland

290 Tuttle Road

Cumberland, ME 04021

Date: July 5, 2023

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

Chris Bolduc (abs); Bill Longley ++; Mark Segrist (abs)+; Tig Filson+; Baily Douglas+

To: Members:

David Cowan

Pete Wilson

^(F) Melissa Cott

^(T) Shaun Breton

Denny Gallaudet

David Young (abs)

^(F) John Leavitt

^(T) Paige Diamant

Ellen Hoffman

^(F) *Gordon Lichter (abs)

^(T) Stephen Fitzgerald

John Jensenius ^{vice*}

^(F) Todd Ontl

^(T) David Grimm

Riva Krut

^(F) Linda Putnam

^(T) *John Jensenius ✓

*Mike Schwindt

^(F) Sally Stockwell ✓

^(T) Walker Newell

Joshua Steirman (abs)

^(T) Adam Orellana

George Turner

^(T) Brian Stearns

^(T) Don Stowell

Sustainability Subcommittee

Sukie Curtis, Jesse Lamarre-Vincent, Denny Gallaudet, Riva Krut, Meddy Smith, Dave Witherill

Invasives Subcommittee:

Ellen Hoffman, John Jensenius, Mike Schwindt

Farmland Subcommittee:

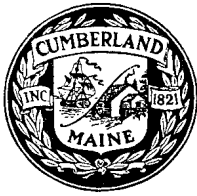
John Jensenius, Mike Schwindt, Bill Shane, Bob Vail, David Young

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

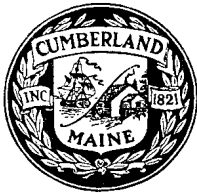
Re: Meeting July 5, 2023

- June minutes were approved as written.
- New Council liaison was welcomed: Baily Douglass.
- Also in attendance was Dave Gulick: resident.
- Town Council report (Tig)
 - July 10th finalizing of committee assignments.
 - Surplus of \$38,000 from last year (2023) budget move to next year (2024)
 - Ordinance Committee – C-PAC – energy efficiency financing. Issue if company fails, is town responsible for payments.
- Bill Report (Bill – summarized from printout)
 - During the month of June 2023, Bill’s office issued 42 permits for new buildings such as for pools, sheds, decks, houses, condos, barns, additions, renovations, commercial and solar installations.
 - Approved projects under construction:



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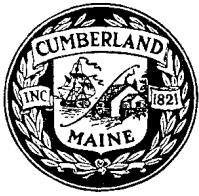
- Oceanview phase 1 (Tuttle Rd) – completed or under construction 53 permits have been issued to date. All lots are committed in phase 1
 - Oceanview phase 2- 7/52 permits have been issued
 - Christmas Creek – Vining Way – 19 of 20 are completed
 - Orchard Road – Cortland Court – 7 of 10 building permits issued as of this date
 - Blanchard Oaks – Peaceful Way - 12 of 13 occupied
 - Snowy Owl off Old Gray Road –10 Units (5 duplexes) approved; still blasting
 - The Mark off Route One– 45 units approved; site work blasting complete
 - Ross Estates off Blanchard Road Ext.-3 Units approved; pre-con soon
 - Yarmouth Vet at Heritage Village – working on blasting permits; pre-con soon
 - The Grange at Longwoods-Building permit issued; work has started ready for CO and opening in July 2023
 - White Rock off Skyview Drive – 55 units of affordable senior housing awaiting MSHA
 - Lot split of existing subdivision by amendment at 104 Foreside Road; waiting a pre-con after conditions are met
 - LGC Solar Field as approved in May with conditions; pre-con soon
- Planning Board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2023 at 7pm:
 - Public Hearing for sketch plan for 72 units (36 will be “affordable”) in Chase Pit at 77 Blackstrap Road with public water from the Portland Water District extended from the West Cumberland Fire Station.
 - Future Planning Board items:
 - Rusty Lantern- Food Mart and new bank at Gray Road
 - Town antenna and carrier cell towers off Range Way and Blackstrap Road.
 - Heat pump, solar, car charger permits (2022)
 - Heat pumps (homes) issued calendar YTD = 206
 - Solar issued calendar YTD = 055
 - Car chargers issued calendar YTD = 009
 - Heat pump, solar, car charger permits (through June 30, 2023)
 - Heat pumps (homes) issued calendar YTD = 093
 - Solar issued calendar YTD = 027
 - Car chargers issued calendar YTD = 007
 - Goal CAP – want to expand heat pump usage, much more energy efficient. Need better communication. State effort to decarbonize energy supply. Run heat pumps on dry mode to take humidity out of the air.



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7-03-23

23-208	05-Jun-23	SWALLOW MICHAEL & ROBIN	307 HARRIS ROAD	Craig Beardsley-Riser Heat Pumps	1 Heat Pump ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-214	08-Jun-23	WILLIAMS MATTHEW & HARMAN HEATHER	6 CASCO BAY DRIVE	Craig Beardsley-Riser Heat Pumps	1 Heat pump ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-217	12-Jun-23	FALLON TIMOTHY & LAUERMAN ANDREA	250 HARRIS RD	Charles Martz - Dave's World	1 Heat pump ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-226	20-Jun-23	STRAHAN MARY A	62 FORESIDE ROAD	David Perry-Royal River Heat Pump	1 Heat pump ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-228	20-Jun-23	BABCOCK MARK & ALISCIA	21 FRIAR LANE	David Perry-Royal River Heat Pumps	1 Heat pump ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-229	20-Jun-23	THOMAS STEPHEN & DIX NANCY	118 TUTTLE ROAD	David Perry-Royal River Heat Pumps	1 Heat pump ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-236	29-Jun-23	PRINCE WILLIAM & JONES PHYLLIS	63 VALLEY ROAD	Charles Martz-Daves World	1 heat pump ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-227	20-Jun-23	FULDA LINDA S	15 VAL HALLA ROAD	David Perry-Royal River Heat Pumps	1 Heat pump/subpanel ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-207	05-Jun-23	WENTLING BENJAMIN & MCDONALD LEAH	25 HARRIS ROAD	David Perry-Royal River Heat Pumps	2 Heat pumps ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-216	12-Jun-23	STILES WILLIAM & JOYCE	45 ALDER WAY	Craig Beardsley-Riser Heat Pumps	2 Heat pumps ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-225	20-Jun-23	BOWMAN, RICHARD III & KLEEMAN HEATHER	7 LIBERTY LANE	Craig Beardsley-Riser Heat Pumps	2 Heat pumps ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-230	21-Jun-23	ELLABEE, LLC	6 STURBRIDGE LANE	Christien Norton	2 Heat pumps ✓	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-234	29-Jun-23	STORNOWAY ROAD LLC	13 STORNOWAY ROAD	Keith Trafton - Excel Mechanical	2 heat pumps ✓	\$0.00	\$100.00
23-211	05-Jun-23	STANHOPE ANDREW LARS*	23 STANHOPE LANE	Shawn Laplante-Laplante Electric	Generator	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-213	08-Jun-23	BRENNAN JOHN & PAULA BARBOUR-	4 CHANNEL ROCK LANE	Roy Ingalls - Gowen Power Systems	Generator	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-215	08-Jun-23	RINES MARJORIE	23 YORK LEDGE DRIVE	Roy Ingalls-Gowen Power Systems	Generator	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-239	29-Jun-23	STEIMAN JEFFREY D	49 ALDER WAY	R W Googins Electric	Generator	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-209	05-Jun-23	OCEANVIEW AT CUMBERLAND LLC	2 LILAC WAY	William Levay-ReVision Energy	Solar 5.6 KW	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-210	05-Jun-23	OCEANVIEW AT CUMBERLAND	27 LITTLE ACRES DR	William Levay-ReVision Energy	Solar 5.6 KW	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-219	14-Jun-23	OCEANVIEW AT CUMBERLAND LLC	25 LITTLE ACRES DRIVE	William Levay-ReVision Energy	Solar 5.6 KW	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-220	14-Jun-23	OCEANVIEW AT CUMBERLAND LLC	85 LITTLE ACRES DRIVE	William Levay-ReVision Energy	Solar 5.6 KW	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-231	22-Jun-23	ZORN GRAHAM & KRANZ ERIKA	259 BLANCHARD ROAD	William Levay-ReVision Energy ✓	Solar 14.58 KW	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-249	29-Jun-23	MARTEL JOHN & CHRISTINE	124 GREELY ROAD	Ken Goronson-Assured Solar Energy	Solar 21.06 KW	\$0.00	\$50.00



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○ Commission (Mike)

- Twin Brook Management and Invasive Plan (Sally) (both plans are available on Town's website.) These two documents go hand in hand. Sally motion:

I move that the Lands and Conservation Commission accept the Twin Brook Management and Twin Brook Invasive Plant plans dated June 2023 as submitted and provide both to the Town Council for their consideration and adoption.

Denny seconded; no discussion; passed unanimously. There are a number of invasive species in the surrounding forest. Need to be mindful of these invasive plants before doing any more harvesting.

Existing management plan was an agreement between the Town and Jeff Storey. That plan is outdated; does not reflect what the Town needs. There should be no harvest for 10 years except for invasive species. The new plan follows the Town's adopted guiding principles. The Forest Subcommittee has signed off on the new plans.

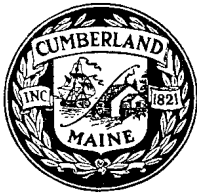
- Public Works now has three people certified to spray. Bill L not sure at this point if they will be spraying – To be determined.
- FY 24 budget and reallocation - \$38,000 carried forward. \$2,500 already accounted for from money spent, but not paid by budget time.
- Community Orchard – Work Plan (Jesse) – see all plans below:

Cumberland Community Orchard FY 2024 Work Plan

2023 - Envisioning the Orchard, Aligning with Community, and Designing the Orchard. Creating a community vision and end goals. Public outreach to build support and awareness of the project. Recruit leadership team. Identify additional stakeholders. Create events to bring in volunteers. Prepare the orchard space for planting in 2024.

July - October

- Set up basic infrastructure (tool storage, IBC totes for watering needs, etc).
- - Work with the Town Manager/Assistant Manager on the pad site for Orchard shed/pole barn.
- - Acquire shed/pole barn for tool storage.
- - Hold public engagement meetings/sessions.
- - Recruit members for LCC Orchard subcommittee as leadership team for the project.



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- - Identify first year tree planting sites, sheet mulch with cardboard/woodchips. Wire fencing around planting sites ahead of time to be ready for Spring planting.
- - Hold an Inaugural Fall Planting Day to begin the work designing, cultivating, and planting the fledgling Orchard site (beneficial insect mix and comfrey root divisions planted around tree sites).

November-December

- -Promote and hold a series of workshops on Food Forest design to build knowledge and enthusiasm in the community ahead of spring planting.
- - Finalize planting list and order trees/shrubs etc. from vendors for spring delivery.

2024 - Initial Orchard Planting - Laying the Framework

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now". — Chinese Proverb

- Laying out the basic framework of the orchard by planting a diverse mix of fruit and nut trees, fruiting shrubs, cane fruits, and pollinator plants.

January-February - Continue Food Forest design seminars.

March - Hold Inaugural Spring Planting weekend to plant the fledgling Orchard site with an initial round of canopy layer fruit, nut, and shade trees.

April-June - Hold bi-monthly work days to weed, add mulch, and plant additional support around trees.

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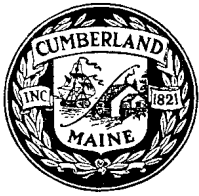
FY 2024 Work Plans

Commission Work Plan

- Support the Subcommittees in accomplishing their workplans for the year.
- Continue developing the protocols for a community orchard and food independence including community gardens.
- Apply for "Tree City" status.
- Continue developing strategies for addressing invasives on Town properties, complementing the Forestry efforts.
- Maintain butterfly garden, peony garden and pollinator garden at Val Halla.
- Look for alternative funding sources at the federal and state levels.
- Consider investigating the possibility of retaining professional grant writing services

For reference, we did request \$17,900 for the budget to cover the Commission's activities:

- 5,000 for Invasives
- 10,000 for contracted services with GPCOG
- 250 for recent sightings display at the Town Forest
- 2,000 for Food Independence



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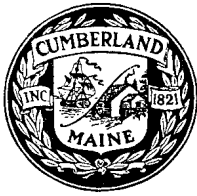
- 650 for signage

Under the Invasives agenda item, we conducted the IMapInvasives training on May 6. About a dozen people participated in the training and, going forward, we have the powerpoint presentation available for others should there be an interest. An ad hoc group will continue to cut the invasives by the parking lot at Prince Memorial Library

Also, as we briefly discussed at the last meeting, we need to address how we want to manage the community orchard. Also, the question of community gardens is still pending.

Forestry Subcommittee Work Plan

- Twin Brook Harvest
 - Work with Town Forester to ensure proper harvest practices are employed and align with any agreement reached with the Town Council and Jeff Storey
- Management Plan(s)
 - Complete new management plan for Twin Brook that is consistent with the Guiding Principles (July 2023)
 - Apply for Project Canopy grant to subsidize new management plan for Twin Brook
 - Grant application in progress and due March
- Invasives
 - Complete invasives management plans for Town Forest, Rines Forest and for Twin Brook
 - Apply for grant funding to execute invasives management plans for Town Forest, Rines Forest and for Twin Brook
 - Continue treatment of invasives at Rines Forest, Town Forest and Twin Brook (Year-round)
 - Partner with Town to use their certified employees to spray
 - Organize resident "invasive days"
 - Hire outside help as needed/budgeted per grant(s) received
- Grasslands
 - Initiate grassland ecosystems management (Q2 2023)
 - Work with Sustainability subcommittee to coordinate potential agricultural use
- Signage
 - Create temporary and permanent educational signage for upcoming projects (Year-round)
 - Erosion control
 - Invasives management
 - Forest wildlife education
 - Any harvest work
- Admin
 - Rewrite Forestry Subcommittee Website section and add links to completed, approved management plans
 - Get historical Forestry data archived with the library
- Education
- Miscellaneous
 - Develop strategy for controlling erosion on woods road/snowmobile trail at end of Greely Road Extension



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- Work with Town Manager to confirm strategy and timing of necessary remediation
- Explore other possible educational opportunities

Trails Subcommittee

Trails Subcommittee

The Recreational Trails Subcommittee will continue to monitor trail conditions on the Town-own trails during FY24 and address any problems as they arise. In addition to normal maintenance issues, the Trails Subcommittee plans the following for FY24.

- Rines Forest - The Red Trail in the Godsoe portion of Rines Forest crosses a rather wet area. We expect that over 300 feet of walkways will be needed to make the trail sustainable. In FY24, we expect to begin efforts to improve this section of trail. In addition, we expect and build a couple small walkways in the main section of Rines Forest.
- Knight's Pond - At this time, we have no plans for Knight's Pond for FY24. However, we will assist North Yarmouth on any improvements to The North Yarmouth side of the preserve.
- Greely Woods - During FY24, we expect to construct 2 walkways totally about 50 feet over wet spots on the Red Trail. In addition, we will continue to harden sections of the Blue, Green, Orange and Red trails.
- Homestead Lane - During FY24, we will be evaluating the possibility of establishing a walking trail through the property. Currently, the property is rather overgrown with invasives and has several small streams and wet areas. Any future trails around the property would likely require us to build walkways and bridges.
- Twin Brook - The signs currently at the trail entrances at Twin Brook are very confusing due to their orientation. We plan to create new signage for these entrances.
- Sunnyfield Lane and Blanchard Road Ext. properties - During FY24, we plan to look at trail possibilities in these properties. For the Sunnyfield Lane property, preliminary plans are to connect to trails on the Read property (CCLT easement) which would in turn connect to the Blue Trail in Rines Forest. For the Blanchard Road Ext. area, the goal would be to establish trails that would connect Town-owned properties, easements and open space to create a trail system in that area.
- Possible easements - During FY 24, we will continue to pursue trail easements across private properties to enhance the trail connectivity in the town.

Sustainability Subcommittee

1. Enhance SSC communications to citizens by developing handouts, posters and upgrade the site on the Town webpage.



- 2024 Work Plan finalization – Denny/John motion: I move to finalize 2024 work plans as distributed; no discussion; motion carries unanimously.
- GPCOG Consulting contract (Denny) – This is a way to expand professional expertise. Research capacity across the board. GPCOG does not do the actual grant writing. Cap of \$10,000 available to spend; billed hourly rate; part of \$40,000 budget. Need a staff member to help with grant writing. GPCOG has a lot of expertise in many areas.
- FY 23 recap by 8/1 (Mike) – Re-budget $\$38,000 + \$40,000 - \$2,500 = \$76,000$. Mike needs recap of budgets from subcommittee chairs for annual report. Format into paragraphs with bullets. Use prior year’s budget report as starting point.

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- Trails Subcommittee (John)
 - Moss Cemetery (near Crestwood Rd) – Adam Orellana and John spread a yard of gravel along the trail through the back side of the cemetery. Part of the open space has become jungle-like due to all the invasive plants. Good project to tackle.
- Forestry Subcommittee (Sally, from Gordon's email):
 - John has legacy forestry data and will review data organization before archiving.
 - Gordon to contact Mark/Tig to find out what is needed to get the Council to take up the proposed Grassland Management policy.
 - Subcommittee plans to host another walk at either Rines or Knight's Pond in late summer/early fall to introduce council to properties and what the Forestry Subcommittee is doing in each parcel.
 - Twin Brook Management and Invasive Management plans (discussed above).
 - Invasives
 - Idea to go into Twin Brook and work on the area around the recent harvest to eradicate any invasive plants before they spread too far.
 - Johnathan Dawson of CCLT is planning an invasive day for the fall with a corporate volunteer group.
 - Signage – Gordon edited sign (see below) per feedback and two copies are now being produced with Laura's help; placement in the Town Forest TBD.



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Cumberland MAINE

CUMBERLAND LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

What are invasives?

Some exotic plants are a lot like weeds - they grow fast, in lots of different conditions, and displace the native species that provide food and shelter for forest birds and other wildlife. These *invasives* take up space and shade the ground, making it hard for seeds and seedlings of native trees such as red oak and white pine to grow.

Invasive insects can infest and kill hemlock, ash, and maple trees. Earthworms, which are not native to Maine, can strip soil and consume leaf litter, which is used by some birds for nesting and finding food.

What happened here?

Invasive glossy buckthorn and bittersweet bushes and vines were cut and ground down at this plot. They will continue to be controlled in the future to ensure the native species can successfully regenerate. It may take 3-5 years of treatment before we see regrowth begin to take hold.

Identifying Common Invasives

Asian Bittersweet	Glossy Buckthorn
Japanese Honeysuckle	Japanese Knotweed

Invasive species in Cumberland

- We work with Cumberland's Public Works Department as well as volunteers to control the spread of invasives in town-owned forests.
- Learn to identify and mark the location of invasive nonnative plants via the iMapInvasives app.

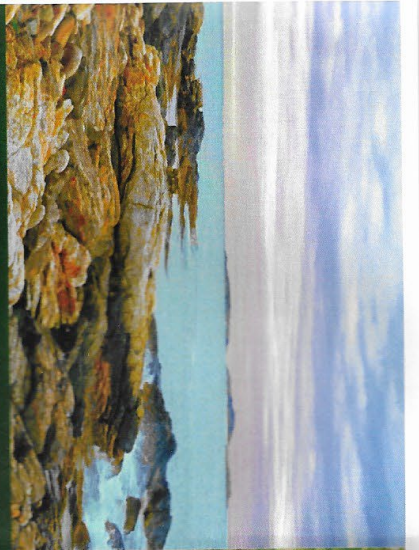
How can I get involved?

- Download the iMapInvasives app and start reporting invasives in your neighborhood.
- Email LCC@cumberlandmaine.com to volunteer for community invasive days.

- Grassland Management – considerable discussion but no action taken.
- Sustainability Subcommittee (Denny)
 - (Denny) - Rachel Bouvier of rbouvier consulting presented a draft design of a survey of Cumberland businesses. The purpose of the survey is to gain information on GHG emissions of the Town's commercial sector and develop a baseline for recommendations to reduce same. Members provided several modifications. Denny will propose an incentive for survey recipients to participate.
 - (Riva) - Sukie and Riva discussed the Lawns Gone Wild meetings with the HOAs of Schooner Ridge and Wildwood. Turnout was good and attendees commented that information was new to them. Currently there is \$4,000 remaining on the grant. Perhaps put story in the Crier and info up on the Town's website. Sally mentioned Audubon program Bringing Nature Home. Pamphlet distributed at meeting:



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MORE TIPS

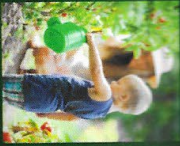
HEALTHY SOIL

Adding mulch and compost to your gardens supports healthy plants while naturally adding nutrients to soil. Healthy soils minimize erosion and flooding.



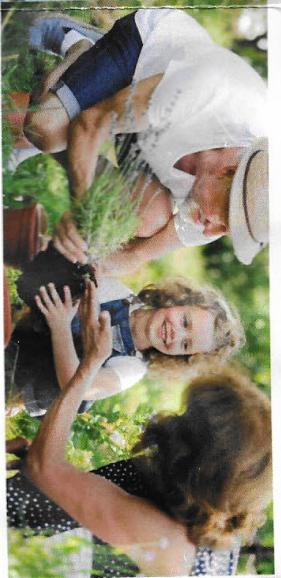
WATER WISE

With heavy mulch, you should only need to water 1-2 times a week. Water deeply, only as needed, to keep plants healthy and reduce water runoff.



GO GREEN

Other property features can also contribute to polluted runoff. Look into options for green infrastructure, like rain gardens, that may fit on your property.



SAFE FOR PEOPLE, PETS, AND PLANET.

Harmful pollutants from landscaping are already found in Casco Bay. We can each play a role for a healthy Bay and the tributaries that feed it by choosing sustainable practices - and making our yards and gardens beneficial and lower-maintenance along the way!

With a few simple changes to our landscaping routines, we can support healthy bay ecosystems, a thriving water-based economy, and protect this valuable resource for generations to enjoy!

Developed in Partnership With



Friends of Casco Bay
CASCO BAYKEEPER



Prince Memorial Library
SERVING CUMBERLAND &
NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE



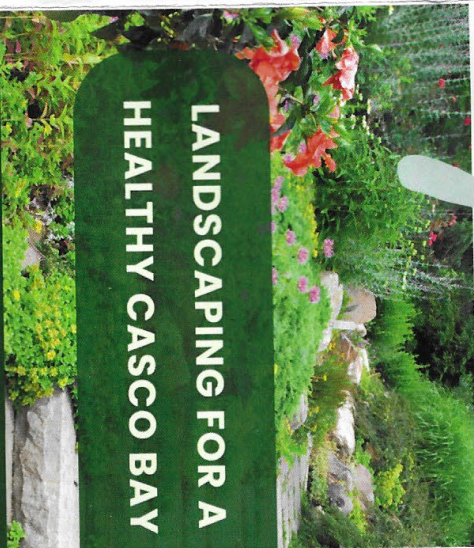
Casco Bay Estuary
PARTNERSHIP



Chebeague &
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Land Trust



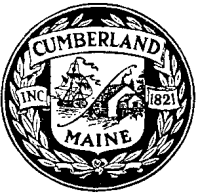
LANDSCAPING FOR A HEALTHY CASCO BAY



Our yards and gardens can be much more than meets the eye. They can be critical habitat for wildlife and pollinators and help keep our air and water clean. Our landscapes are connected to another valuable resource - **Casco Bay.**

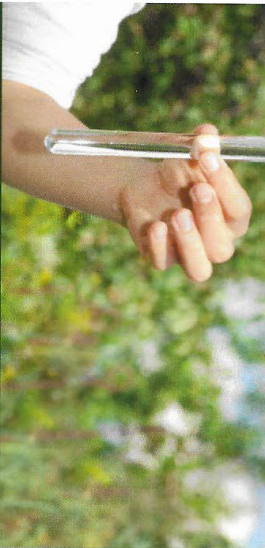
Lawns Gone Wild
Educating for Sustainable Back Yards





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PROTECT WATER QUALITY

What we add to our landscapes doesn't always stay there. Fertilizer, pesticides, and other chemical inputs are often washed into the waterways that feed Casco Bay. The runoff contains harmful pollutants that disrupt natural ecosystems, impair water quality, and harm coastal creatures.

To protect our water, follow these tips:

- ☐ Avoid all chemical additions to your landscape
- ☐ Consider 'green infrastructure' techniques such as rain gardens, rain barrels or vegetative buffers that absorb runoff and filter out pollutants
- ☐ If you use a landscaping company, educate yourself on their practices and encourage them to learn more about ways they can help protect our waters from lawn chemical runoff.

TRANSFORM TURF

A naturally healthy lawn needs less water and costs less to maintain, and requires fewer chemical inputs, if at all. Follow these tips for a healthy lawn.

MOW HIGH

Mow your lawn high (3-4 inches), and mow regularly during growing season. Try not to mow before late May to leave food for bees!

LEAVE THE CLIPPINGS

A mature lawn (10+ years) doesn't need fertilizer. Leave the clippings when you mow to add nutrients back to your lawn.

EMBRACE CLOVER

Clover helps your lawn by choking out other weeds, complements the grasses, and fills in where the grasses don't do as well. Clover is nitrogen fixing so you won't need to add as much chemical nitrogen to your lawn.

RESOURCES



WILD SEED PROJECT



MAINE AUDUBON



FRIENDS OF CASCO BAY



FIRST LIGHT WILDLIFE HABITATS



NATIVE PLANT TRUST

SUPPORT HABITAT

Native plants are the backbone of our Maine ecosystem. They are food and habitat for local wildlife and are hardier, and lower maintenance than non-native species.

Do we need all that grass in the first place? Think about turning some of your yard into a more productive space for habitat, like a wild meadow.

A habitat garden is an intentional, cultivated space designed to benefit wildlife and boost biodiversity.

Deb Perkins, The Personal Ecologist





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- Dave Witherill reported on the status of hazardous waste pickup provided by the Town. Last pickup was six years ago at the cost of \$30,000. Committee agreed to put forward a pickup proposal in the SSC FY2025 budget.
- Denny will submit the CRP grant proposal by the July 7 deadline. Waiting on Steve Moriarty for recommendation letter. Action items:
 - PV solar and weatherization for the West Cumberland Fire Station
 - Air source heat pumps to upgrade the Prince Memorial Library HVAC
 - Shed, tools and rainwater collection for the Community Garden.
- Invasives Subcommittee (Mike)
 - Ad hoc group had a work session cutting out invasives at library.
- Farmland – Town Orchard/Food Independence – no update
- New Business/coming attractions (Mike)
 - Future for composting – no update
 - Tree City designation – no update
 - New Member documentation – no update
 - Mike asked members to think about how to make meetings better or more concise.
 - Mike asked if Jesse should be on the Commission like the other subcommittee chairs.

Next meeting – September 6, 7 PM. – **No meeting in August**