

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: June 21, 2015 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++

To: CTL&CC members: Tom Gruber + (late) Susan Nolde (abs)
Peter Bingham+ Brad Hilton *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne Ellen Hoffman David Young
David Ginsberg (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting June 3, 2015

- Minutes from May meeting were approved as written.
- Bill Mullin resigned. Since he was in charge of the Arbor Day tree project for the elementary school kids, we will wait and look into doing it again next spring; will use Penny as our contact. Sam will contact David Ginsberg and see if he is still interested in being a member – he has missed many meetings.
- Town Forest:
 - Question if any profit from logging.
 - Trail clean-up on going. Wait through summer to see if spraying buckthorn made a difference.
 - Need to identify hickory in town forest – cut around it so they will stand out more. Decided not to pursue identifying ash.
 - Phragmites between markers 6 and 7 – hopefully the culverts will help dry the area out.
 - Japanese knotweed (near road) – add this area to fall Round-up application.
 - Benches – Dave Y find out about getting hemlock to use. How to remove old benches? How to preserve the old plaques?
 - High School students as part of senior projects moved brush onto trail to be chipped. Chips will be blown back onto trail.
 - Town to do gravel and culvert work. Dredging of canal will also be done when culverts are done.
 - Trail “steps” – wait until culverts put in to see if still needed (near M9 and M12).
 - To do:
 - Decide what to do about the roots.
 - Organize buckthorn pull.
 - Should probably have Joe come back in the summer time frame to assess success of buckthorn efforts.
 - Continue cleanup of harvested areas.
 - Follow Brad’s timeline – work on some new sections of trail.

- Update Maine Trail Finders - need gpx file of old and new trail. EH and Bill Shane will map with Town's new GPS in spring. Update verbiage on trail description (EH).
- Bill Shane said no need for training with new GPS.
- Grant for invasive plant education, control and eradication. Sue – no update
- Invasive plants brochure – Most of meeting was spent discussing latest version that was distributed (Brad's efforts from Dave G's original work). It was decided that Ellen would format to make consistent and work on tone of the document. Next Thursday will meet with Eliza (summer intern) in the Town Office to work on corrections. Once a good workable version is available – it will be distributed for comments (hopefully before July's meeting).
- Greely Woods – still working on easements.
- Town owned properties on Range Way – link to Rock Ridge. Brad will draft a letter to survey neighbors in the area to gauge interest in a trail network in the area.
- Rines Forest – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Knight's Pond – Land Trust given an extension to try and raise rest of money (waiting on money from state from Land for Maine's Future).
- Ted brought up motion for moving meeting time back to 7:30. Motion failed (none in favor).
- Ideas/ Project 2015
 - Town Forest – see above
 - Look into some sort of joint meeting between Twin Brooks, Town Forest and Rines Forest committees
 - Arbor Day and tree giveaway – next year
 - Medicinal plant talk – possibly looking to UNE school of pharmacy
 - Cumberland Circle trail – Brad presented idea of scope. Need to map with town's GPS.
- **Next meeting July 1st 7pm**