

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: November 24, 2013 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: Brad Hilton Brian Restuccia (abs)
Penny Asherman (late) Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne Bill Mullin David Young
Tom Gruber + (late) Susan Nolde (abs) Peter Bingham+

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting November 6th, 2013

- Minutes from September approved. No true minutes for October since no quorum.
- Town Forest
 - Sam will verify if Joe will give presentation to Town Council about invasive species in Town Forest.
 - Sam – logging on schedule weather permitting.
 - Money coming from Project Canopy.
 - Discussion around a memo from IFM in response to an October 17th, 2013 email from Bill Shane regarding the presence of glossy buckthorn in the Town Forest and if following through with the planned timber harvest will thereby increase the likelihood for the spread of buckthorn in the harvested areas. Jeremy Stultz VP of IFM basically advocated as Jay had done previously that an Integrated Pest Management strategy is needed to deal with the current and potential future problems of buckthorn and other invasives.
 - Site walk with Joe Anderson
 - Suggested trail diversion (parallel trail) skirting some of the worse of the roots. This was also suggested by Brad and Dave on an earlier site walk.
 - Area 3 – no logging but are scheduled to come back and tackle the invasives.
 - Volunteers should pull some of the smaller buckthorn. Also stream area with Phragmites (separate from the large section by the capped landfill). Can tackle by tying sections together, cutting stalks and then applying herbicide.
 - During site walk we pulled some of smaller stems and cut some larger ones and applied some herbicide that was dyed so could tell where it was applied. This really made a difference in some sections and wasn't as overwhelming as expected. Joe mentioned that the herbicide needed to be applied within an hour of cutting so need to work in tandem. Also can't walk on stems after they are cut – the dirt will block absorption.

- Bill M mentioned that Nov 14th in Monmouth program on commercial (9-noon) and private (1-3:30) certification for herbicide application.
- Comprehensive Plan - Sam should get copy see if anything applicable. Mostly dealing with RR1 zoning.
- Bill M look into doing (or have someone from cooperative extension do) a presentation on invasive species – other than plants.
- Tom G will check with Bill Shane about status of GPS town was planning on getting through a Norcross Foundation Grant.
- Planning Board Project – Major site plan review for Friend's School off Rt 100. Issue of grating into stream – open space (behind True Spring). David Y will look at plan.
- Dec 9th – workshop 6:00 Property discussion of Cottage Farm and Greely Rd properties. IFM will also be giving council update on Town Forest cutting. Also council accepting gift of 30 acre parcel next to Rines Forest.
- Rines Forest – no update
- Blueberry Hill logging – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Invasive species grant search – no update
- Continuing projects/goals for 2014:
 - Invasive species education: Possibly do a presentation with someone from Cooperative Extension.
 - Update Trail Guide. Sam will contact Brian Sterns to see status of trail system (no update). No update on trail connection between Falmouth trail and Rines Forest. Penny mentioned town looking to buy a Trimble GPS (grant through Norcross Foundation). Use for a variety of Town-wide purposes.
 - Open for discussion – each come up with an idea.
- **Next meeting December 4th 7pm.**