

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: September 15, 2013 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: Brad Hilton Brian Restuccia (abs)
Penny Asherman Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne (late) Bill Mullin (abs) David Young
Tom Gruber + (late) Susan Nolde

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting Sept 4th, 2013

- Minutes from July meeting were approved.
- Guest – Joe Anderson (High Pine Environmental) presented an invasive species management plan for the Town Forest. Most of meeting covered Joe's presentation and the ensuing discussion. This is a living (draft) document at this point. Bill Shane will see if it can be put online. All were in agreement the plan was concise, easy to read and well written. Some thoughts:
 - Need to address what happens now - next step
 - Pre-treat before harvest? Similar to Rines.
 - We (committee members) should work on access points – trail and bench areas
 - Penny suggested sending letters to abutters what we are doing. Also let public know what's going on – proactive.
 - Walk again – more as a demo – now that we have a better understanding of what and how things should be done.
 - Early detection/rapid response – hit area as soon as notice invasives.
 - Harvest scheduled sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Coordinate – have them cut invasives same time?
 - Proposed date for site walk – Oct 5th (Sat) 1:00. Meet at salt shed entrance.
- Town Forest – harvest – Penny mentioned that the logging operation in the Farwell Forest is winding down. The Town Forest is next on their list.
- Jan Santerre (Project Canopy coordinator) contacted Sam requesting status update of efforts in the Town Forest and an accounting of the funds allocated to the educational component of their grant.
 - The forested management plan of the town forest has been completed.
 - Implementation of the forest management plan has more or less been on hold waiting for harvesting – hopefully this winter.
 - A draft of an invasive species management plan has been written.
 - The trail directional markers have been replaced.
 - Old trail informational signs have been documented (digitally) and most removed. Note – there were 2 categories of informational signs – Freedom Trail

which was part of a class project and probably won't be replaced and forest habitat signs which hopefully can be replaced.

- We are currently waiting on money from them.

- Informational tree walk in Rines Forest scheduled for 29th of September. Put information on Town Website, and Town Crier. Penny also mentioned she will post info on Family network and talk to MS science teacher (Mr. Madden). This coordinates nicely with their tree project. Date is same as Maine Outdoor Weekend so hopefully have a good turnout.

- Planning Board Project – nothing discussed.

- Rines Forest – no update

- Blueberry Hill logging – no update

- Vernal pools – no update

- Invasive species grant search – no update

- Continuing projects/goals for 2013:
 - Invasive species education: Possibly do a fall presentation with someone from Cooperative Extension.
 - Educational site walk of Rines Forest scheduled for September 29th (1:00 pm) with the Maine Tree Club.
 - 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.

- **Next meeting October 2nd 7pm.**