

## Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: March 6, 2016 (\* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++

To: CTL&CC members: Ellen Hoffman (late) \*Sam York  
Peter Bingham+ Susan Nolde (abs) David Young (abs)  
Ted Chadbourne Sally Pierce Paul Weiss (abs)  
Tom Gruber + Mike Schwindt

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting March 2, 2016

- Approval of the minutes from February was postponed until next month. Ted wanted to draft an amendment to the minutes before approval. He had questions concerning Range Way and Range Road and access on Greely Rd extension.
- Town Forest remaining issues:
  - Naming/marketing the trails by color. The map at the kiosk will need to be updated with new trail names. Sam and Ellen lead.
  - Move the large unmanaged forest info sign down the trail slightly and to the other side since now as you read the sign, you see stumps from newly cut trees. Ellen will let Bill know where it should be moved to.
  - Tree info signs. Need to identify which trees/plants we want to mark for identification. Will need to figure out format. Sue suggested she might be interested in fund raising for project. Will the location of the info signs be indicated on the kiosk map? Public Works may also help with signs. Peter Bingham said that the scouts or a class might be interested in doing this as a project (Senior Project?). What part, identifying plants, writing up info or making signs? Sam has started to label some. Mike will take the lead. Do we have a criteria (important, invasive, any)? What should be on the signs?
  - Placement of new benches – Tom Gruber will oversee the placement of the benches. After installation, Peter Bingham will invite Yarmouth Rotary Club to a Town Council meeting to thank them. Do we want more benches; especially higher ones?
  - Need to update Maine Trail Finders and other online sites once new trails are named and marked. Also need to update verbiage and update the trail for them (send them a GPX file). Ellen will take the lead.
  - Plan another walk in spring? Lead?
  - Town to do:
    - Rip-rap needs to be put around culverts – Bill thinks this is done.
    - Mulch needed on sides of trail
    - Still some clean-up work needs to be done in cut areas
    - Snowmobile trail? Leave as is for now.
    - Ted mentioned trail near bridge by ball field is steep. Improve?
    - Bill working with DEP about “improvements” in wet areas. Mapping all wetlands in the forest.

- DEP said we should not have pulled buckthorn. Instead clip and dip. Do this in the fall? Bill will see if he can get the same guy who did talk on Broad Cove to discuss with us. We should also touch base with Joe Anderson.
- Town Council is looking to consolidate some committees. Waiting for info from Ordinance Committee before we proceed. Maybe some members from these other committees we can absorb into Land's Committee?
- Range Way – right now it is a trail to nowhere. Low priority. Need to wait until Buzz Lamb issue resolved.
- Greely Woods – trails are in great shape (just need signage). Parking? Still waiting on easement issues. First 1000ft or so are on private property. If we can't get permission (easement) then we will need to relocate start of trail ~ 50 ft. over. Then there will be two adjacent trails. Prefer one trail.
- Circle Trail: Importance of connecting trails especially with regards to Circle Trail. Paul W has mapped a lot of the trails in town and where they connect to neighboring towns. He will send us shape files digitally. He noted that some trails are over private property. Paul W will take the lead.
- Question of trail from Idlewood and Rines into Falmouth – still unresolved.
- Trail Guide – remove Chebeague Island properties. Add North Yarmouth (Knights Pond) and Community Park near Rines. Need updated photos and GPS all trails. Need map of existing trails. We need to decide what we want to include in trail guide. Also should standardize all signs for town trails. Update verbiage like dogs allowed, poison ivy, and parking. Lead?
- Elect officers next month.
- Ted proposal to discuss Forest Management next meeting.
- Also mentioned issue of a company leasing town land to put solar panels and then town buy back electricity. Discuss next month.
- Grant for invasive plant education, control and eradication. Sue lead – no update
- Rines Forest – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Tree presentation to 4/5<sup>th</sup> graders Earth Day. Sue and Ellen take lead. Need to find out where/when get trees (Tom) and who do we contact at the school?
- Education – bats, brown tail moth – no update
- **Next meeting April 6th 7pm**