

Cumberland Lands & Conservation Commission

(Oversight Committee)

Date: October 29th, 2017

(* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.; ^(T) = trails SC; ^(F) = forest SC)

Bill Shane++; Tom Gruber +; Peter Bingham (abs)+

To: CTL&CC members:

Ellen Hoffman	^(F) Ted Chadbourne	^(T) Rachael Becker McEntee (abs)
Susan Nolde (abs)	^(F) Denny Gallaudet (abs)	^(T) John Jensenius
Mike Schwindt	^(F) Tim Nastro (abs)	^(T) Shawn McBairty (abs)
*Sam York	^(F) Sally Stockwell (abs)	^(T) Paul Weiss
David Young		

Note: Only members of the Oversight Committee are expected to attend.

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting October 4th, 2017

- September minutes were approved as written.
- Bill report:
 - PB Workshop Tue 10th 6:30:
 - Discuss accessory dwelling units (tiny houses).
 - Farm-based special events (barn weddings) – issue of commercial uses in residential areas. 36 registered farms in town. Supplement farm revenues. Allow up to 8 events per year.
 - Mentioned site walk Saturday Nov 4th for OceanView of Cumberland off of Tuttle Rd for site plan and subdivision application.
 - Outlining the next steps in the Request for Qualifications for multi-generational neighborhood proposal process – field next to Town Forest. October 25th Community Meeting at Greely MS 7-9 pm. Meeting for Town Council to give overview of possible options for property and answer questions. Review of both proposals from responding developers (Batemen Partners and Developers Collaborative) for RFQ.

Bill summarized presentations; a bit of time was spent discussing CLCC stand. Basically the consensus is the committee would like the entire parcel to remain in conservation, but in reality we realize the Council's view that this is an ideal spot for either senior or multi-generational housing. All prefer Developers Collaborative over the Batemen plan.

Ted made a motion CLCC would prefer to support only Phase 1 and leave the back part (away from Tuttle Rd) open; and advocate Phase 2 not be supported. Mike seconded, 4 in favor, Paul and Ellen were against any development of the property.

- Town operations/town garage relocation – ongoing.

- Invasive species presentation by Forest Bell November 1st, backup date November 15th. Break-up presentation – 45 minutes educational presentation; 45 minutes town discussion – what they have tried, how they are handling the issue, experiences, etc. Bill will take care of the organizational piece. Invite Yarmouth and Falmouth and other interested entities.
- Trail Subcommittee (Paul)
 - Paul still working on final closure of easements for Cross Cumberland Trail Range Rd/Hall property. Idea of a license agreement can use trail on property to show consideration of an easement – not a taking. Mentioned that there are three levels of easements: verbal; license – written “formal”; full easement – legally binding. All three have potential use for the Cross Cumberland Trail.
 - Easement on properties: access to Rines Forest and Fred Kenny’s field – Want license agreement instead of an easement – easily revoked. Rebecca writing up a draft version.
 - Other easements/trail sections in works by Knights Pond/Greely Rd. Ext. Paul is working with Land Trust (Penny) on this.
 - Cut-through trail from Farwell Ave to Middle School. No update.
 - Greely Woods – problem not sure who owns property – need release of deed. Situation complicated. Wait until all three properties available before moving forward.
- Forest Subcommittee
 - There was no meeting held this month.
- Oversight committee
 - Sam - ad hoc committee to discuss properties in town that are worth acquiring. – no update
 - Butterfly garden – Snow fencing has been put up. Another round of weeding. Mike planted some more plants, replaced a couple of the trees around the back of the garden that didn’t make it. Ellen working on a cache for the area. To-do (other than weeding) – apply for Backyard Habitat certification; possibly acquire a bench; put up bird houses (Tom will see if he can find any constructors) – not sure how to put the actual houses up yet; possibly get a bat house.
 - Nature Trail – (Mike and Ellen) Mike sent information again to Sue to see if she could come up with funding for markers. Mike also requested some more tree tags so we can number sequentially. Ellen, Bill and Mike will meet with Judy Colby-George so we can have easier access to manipulate our data.

- Still need additional location signs (arrows with destinations and distances) such as: entering the Town Forest in the reverse direction (heading towards the ball fields), or starting at the Village Green, or use the Storyboard cut-through. Bill will have temporary signs placed and we will give him feedback. Also need the Cumberland Trail logo at the Village Green entrance.
 - To Do: Need to update information on website – with latest map; print some out for public; update Maine Trail Finders.
- **Next meeting November 1st 7:30 pm**