

Cumberland Lands & Conservation Commission

(Oversight Committee)

Date: December 18th, 2017

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

Bill Shane++; Tom Gruber +; Peter Bingham+

To: CTL&CC members:

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

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting December 6th, 2017

- November minutes were approved as written.
- Mike Schwindt led meeting.
- New members of the Forest Subcommittee: Linda Putman, Timothy Schneider, and Eli Wilson.
- Bill report:
 - PB (Dec 19):
 - Amendment to approved site plan and subdivision for Village Green.
 - Site plan review Heritage Village Skyview Drive.
 - Preliminary subdivision plan for Doane and Godsoe properties – 32 acres (~50 homes) – Jan meeting.
 - Rt 100 – Casco Systems – site work almost complete: offices, retail, town houses in pods (town houses- not until the fall).
 - Town Council meet with developer, Developers Collaborative, to discuss preliminary develop of NELMA-Harwood property (field next to Town Forest). Developer looking at only developing Phase 1, front section (closer to Tuttle Rd) and leaving back section (far side of BFG) – Phase 2 for now. This follows Land's Committee recommendation. Currently looking at mixed 55 older, both rent and to own. Another meeting scheduled Jan 8th to discuss joint development agreement.
 - Mentioned OceanView of Cumberland – future connection of trails (see below). Discussed idea tunnel under railroad. Link to Twin Brook. "Land Swap" of a tiny section of Val Halla.

- Trail Subcommittee – (John)
 - Subcommittee met with developers of OceanView property (off Tuttle Rd) to discuss trails around the development and connecting to other trails. Very supportive of continuing the trail network. The Trails Sub-Committee will need to make final recommendations on the Cumberland OceanView trail plans prior to the Planning Board meeting scheduled for January 16th.
 - Cut-through trail from Farwell Ave to Middle School. Ellen forward contact information to John J who will contact land owner.
 - Issue came up with trail connection from Blanchard Rd to Blueberry Hill. Property owner (Don Lee) does not want his property “promoted”. At this point, not sure what this means.
 - Hall property (Range Rd connection to Idlewood/Rines Forest). Documents, survey, and legal paperwork all done. Not sure what the holdup is.
 - Web page for Town trails (similar to Falmouth) - creating compilation of meta-data – discussed in subcommittee meeting. Looking for interested party to help out.
 - Trail stewards – discussed in subcommittee meeting. Looking for interested parties to help out.
 - Need to coordinate trail markers and signage with Penny and the Land Trust (use aluminum nails). Need to also establish rules when trails should be closed due to potential damage – overuse or unfavorable conditions. – No update.
- Forest Subcommittee (Denny)
 - Subcommittee working on getting consistent forest management plans for the four large parcels (over 600 acres): Town Forest, Twin Brooks, Rines and Knights Pond.
 - Recommended cutting of Town Forest.
 - Drafted and adapted guiding principles for forestry management. To be present to Town Council for review in January.
 - Had site walk December 1st at Knights Pond with a variety of interested parties. Discussed some issues that need to be addressed.
- Oversight committee
 - Sam - ad hoc committee to discuss properties in town that are worth acquiring. – no update
 - Invasive species presentation/discussion last month went well. Very informative.
 - Town operations/town garage relocation – on hold for now.

- Butterfly garden – On hold until spring. To-do (other than weeding) – apply for Backyard Habitat certification; possibly acquire a bench; put up bird houses (Tom will acquire for us) – not sure how to put the actual houses up yet; possibly get a bat house.
- Nature Trail – (Mike and Ellen) No update from Sue regarding funding for markers. Mike and Ellen walked trail updating information in the GIS system using the town's computer (as opposed to Ellen's handheld GPS which needs the data transferred). Noticed that there was an error in the trail location (side-shoot) – gave information to Judy to correct. A lot of the plant markers have gone missing. Will address this in the spring, and then decide on final plants and signage. On hold until spring.
- 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 (after corrected); print some out for public; update Maine Trail Finders.

- **Next meeting January 3rd 7:30 pm**