

Cumberland Lands & Conservation Commission

(Oversight Committee)

Date: February 9, 2018

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

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

To: CTL&CC members:

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

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting February 8th, 2018

- January's minutes were approved as written.
- New members to Oversight Committee introduced: Anne Bulger and Janene Gorham.
- John Jensenius was elected as Vice Chair.
- Oversight Committee (Mike)
 - Mike mentioned that Sam still wanted to stay involved.
 - Expressed an interest in chairing an ad hoc committee dealing with invasive species, and working with the surrounding towns on this issue.
 - Expressed an interest in collaborating with Penny at the Land Trust on joint areas of interest. Paul W also on Land Trust and is acting as a liaison between both organizations.
 - Issue of Arbor Day brought up. April 27th. In the past, the Lands Committee has distributed tree plugs to the 4 and 5th graders at NYMS as well as given a presentation. Have not done this in a number of years. Need a contact in the school (Tim?). Also need to get plugs (Tom G?).
 - Mike mentioned that the new members need "The Book". Bill said he would provide links to all the important documents since everything now is online.
 - Mike mentioned that the agendas should be made available prior to the meetings and that notes or summaries on the meetings should also be made public.
 - Ted mentioned need to discuss motorized vehicle use of trails – to be discussed at a later date.
- Trails Subcommittee (John/Shawn)
 - Most of the meeting was spent discussing Oceanview at Cumberland and the trails within and connections to this development. The development area basically two sections: a forested section with thick undergrowth and a field section. The forested section is difficult to walk through and has several deep ravines. These ravines present a problem if the snowmobile trails needs to be rerouted. Effort will be very labor intensive and bridges expensive. How will they get built? If time/effort spent on rerouting trail, need to get an easement over trails – otherwise no guarantee, will always be able to use. Private road – but trails are public.
 - John compiled and presented to group a review of the proposed development re: trails (handout - background information in black; recommendations in red)

- John made motion to present to Planning Board the review (along with any feedback after group had time to review).
 - John prefers Oversight Committee resolve any issues that might come up.
 - Paul request easement, trails open to the public. Public needs access in perpetuity including snowmobile trail.
 - Sally agrees with Shawn regarding difficulty of rerouting the snowmobile trail. Ecological impact. Mentioned bridges need to be back from the stream edges.
 - Bill mentioned several trail connections – wide enough for golf carts.
 - Idea of a year-round trail access through the golf course behind the maintenance shed.
 - Motion for John to present recommendations, unanimous. Any suggestions need to be to Mike by Monday evening (12th).
- Bill report: There was no Bill report this month (John's presentation instead).
- Trail Subcommittee – (Paul)
 - Cut-through trail from Farwell Ave → Middle School/High School – no update in dialog with property owner after initial contact.
 - Cross Cumberland Trail – Connection from Blanchard Rd → Blueberry Hill. Issue with property owner (Don Lee), does not want his property “promoted”. Look at other options; no update.
 - Trail stewards – will need to provide “instructions”; compile list of properties need stewards for.
 - Web page for Town trails (similar to Falmouth) – no update
 - Knights Pond – work next week to clear debris.
- Forest Subcommittee (Sally)
 - Look at the management plans – make sure they are in line with the guiding principles adapted by the Town Council.
 - Spring Book Farm – coordinate harvesting.
 - Jeremy (of IFM) proposal to do a forest inventory at Knights Pond as well as an ecological inventory.
- Oversight committee - projects
 - Dave - ad hoc committee to discuss properties in town that are worth acquiring – no update. Need to decide where and when to meet.
 - Town operations/town garage relocation – no update.
 - Butterfly garden (Mike and Ellen) – no update: on hold until spring.
 - Town Forest
 - Nature Trail – (Mike and Ellen) No update: on hold until spring.
 - Still need additional location signs (arrows with destinations and distances) and the Cumberland Trail logo at the Village Green entrance: on hold until spring.
 - To Do: Need to update information on website – with latest map; print some out for public; update Maine Trail Finders.
- Next meeting March 7th 7:30 pm