

TOWN LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Commission)

Town of Cumberland

290 Tuttle Road

Cumberland, ME 04021

Date: January 16, 2020

(* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Code enforcement officer; ^(T) = trails SC; ^(F) = forest SC)

Bill Longley ++; Tom Gruber +; George Turner + (abs)

To: Members:

Jenn Grasso

Ellen Hoffman (abs)

John Jensenius ^{vice*}

Steven Knowles

*Mike Schwindt

Jennifer Taylor (abs)

David Young

Sam York (abs)

^(F) Ted Chadbourne

^(F) Melissa Cott

^(F) Denny Gallaudet ✓

^(F) Rhonda Grigg

^(F) Gordon Lichter

^(F) Linda Putnam

^(F) Timothy Schneider

^(F) *Sally Stockwell

^(T) Rachael Becker McEntee

^(T) Stephen Fitzgerald

^(T) Peter Garsoe

^(T) *John Jensenius ✓

^(T) Matthew Leclair ✓

^(T) Shawn McBairty

^(T) Don Stowell

Note: Only members of the Commission and voting members of the subcommittees need attend. “✓” indicates subcommittee member attended Commission meeting.

From: Mike Schwindt/Ellen Hoffman

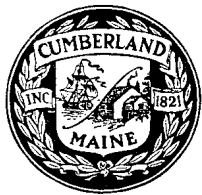
Re: Meeting January 8, 2020

- December minutes were approved with name of Community Development Block Grant corrected.
- Commission (Mike)
 - Bill report (Bill L):
 - OceanView Phase I (Tuttle Rd) under construction (11 permits have been issued). January Planning Board - Amendment to an Approved Subdivision to increase the number of units from 52 to 53 without a community building.
 - OceanView Phase II (Greely Rd) –January Planning Board - Preliminary Major Subdivision Review – 52 dwelling units plus one community building.
 - Christmas Creek –1 building and 20 permits issued, 10 lots sold.
 - Orchard Rd subdivision – under construction; no permits issued yet.
 - Town sand, salt and compost facility - under construction, completion pushed back until spring 2020.
 - Cumberland Historic Society building – January Planning Board – Minor Staff Site Plan Review approval for the placement of an existing historical building on the Prince Memorial Library parcel (placement delayed until spring).
 - 174 Main St gas station - project before Planning Board for site plan review in February 2020; car sales and service.



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- Owners of 72 Spears Hill want to cut several trees along the top of the bank according to their “View Easement”. No application received yet.
- Election of officers: Mike as chair; John as Vice Chair; Ellen as Secretary.
- Climate Action Plan (Denny): By motion, a subcommittee was formed by adopting the 1/8/20 charter proposed by Denny Gallaudet. Subsequently, the Chair appointed the initial four members to two-year terms: Sukie Curtis, Denny Gallaudet, Jennifer Grasso, and Jesse Lamarre-Vincent. New members will need to take the oath of office at the Town Clerk’s office.
- Other items (Mike):
 - Carbon stocking and project growth rates – by motion, the Sierra Club to include the Town Forest for research on carbon stocking and growth rates was recommended for approval.
 - Greely Woods Easement – (from John’s notes): The main portion of Greely Woods is landlocked with only a thin strip of land connected to Greely Road Ext. This strip consists mainly of a stream. In order to make Greely Woods more accessible to residents, the Commission has been working with nearby landowners to develop easements allowing easier access to Greely Woods. The first of these easements is now ready for Town approval and signing. Motion made, seconded and unanimous vote for the Commission to recommend to the Town Council that the Town accept easement from William F. and Laura A. Pandolfo, 25 Crystal Lane, for a 20 foot wide corridor across a portion of their property.
 - Rines Forest Management Plan – Draft has been prepared and will be discussed by the Forest Subcommittee as part of their 1/11/20 walk of the Rines trails.
 - Greely Woods Management Plan - to be developed. Perhaps possible to include in Project Canopy grant request involving Knights Pond and Rines Forest due in March. Grant request to be developed by Sally and Jenn.
- Trails Subcommittee (John):
 - The Trails subcommittee is continuing to work with the property owners adjacent to Greely Woods to obtain additional easements to allow access from other neighborhoods.
 - Work has been completed on the snowmobile trail connecting the Town Forest and Val Halla, passing through the Cumberland Crossing (OceanView 1) development. With the recent snow, the trail is open and currently used by snowmobiles.
 - John will be meeting with the OceanView management next week (middle of January) to discuss delays in the development of recreational trails in the Cumberland Crossing development.
- Forest and Natural Resources Subcommittee (Denny)
 - The subcommittee did not meet; instead, they plan to walk Rines Forest trails on Saturday 1/ 11.



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- Grants – no update
- Invasive species (Dave)
 - Dave attended the “Emerald Ash Borer Update for Municipal Employees” workshop in Portland on December 18, 2019. Comments:
 - Ash borers were first discovered in 2002 in Detroit, MI. The ash borers have since spread to 25 states and into Canada and recently to Maine. Parts of Aroostook County, all of York County and all of the greater Portland area are presently under quarantine. Moving ash trees out of quarantine areas can result in fines or even jail time.
 - The quarantine will not stop the borer, but is an attempt to slow down its movements and to give towns and forests owners time to react and formulate possible treatment plans.
 - Of particular concern is the distribution of contaminated wood chips into uncontaminated areas for reuse.
 - Present treatment options are to inject insecticide either directly into the tree or into the ground below the root structure.
 - Most treatment efforts to date have focused on urban parks and streets as many cities and towns replaced the great American elm trees with ash trees at great expense. It does not appear that Cumberland did so based on a brief windshield survey.
 - Cumberland must act now if it contemplates any action plan. Some funds may be available from the State Project Canopy program.
 - Dave will undertake a more complete ash tree survey before deciding on an action recommendation to the Commission.
- Next meeting February 5, 2020, 7:30.