

CHARTER
Community Orchard Subcommittee
Lands and Conservation Commission
Cumberland, Maine

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cumberland expressed an interest in local food production and greater food independence in a citizen survey conducted by the Climate Action Planning Subcommittee (now Sustainability Subcommittee),

WHEREAS, the Town of Cumberland (the “Town”) has expressed support for greater local food production in the community, as well as sustainable/resilient landscaping as part of the Climate Action Plan adopted by the Town Council,

WHEREAS, the Lands and Conservation Commission (the “CLCC”) appreciates the Town’s authorization to use its land for a community resource and educational space,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CLCC establish a Community Orchard Subcommittee to engage with local stakeholders and develop a community orchard for the benefit of all residents,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Orchard Subcommittee consist of at least five (5) members appointed by the CLCC with the initial member being Jesse Lamarre-Vincent,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Orchard Subcommittee develop a site plan for initial orchard planting on town owned land immediately adjacent to the brush dump/composting facility at the end of Stiles Way,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Orchard Subcommittee develop stakeholder groups of residents, business owners, school officials and other interested parties to provide input into the design, maintenance, and ongoing growth/management of the community orchard. As part of the process, the Community Orchard Subcommittee will consider the benefits of an ongoing series of stakeholder meetings through the planning process,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the education of the citizens of Cumberland is a critical component of the creating sustainable and resilient landscapes in the face of a changing and more varied climate. As such, the Orchard Subcommittee will consider ongoing opportunities for educational classes, seminars, workdays, and other opportunities as an integrated part of the orchard management.