

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: October 13, 2016 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Peter Bingham+ (late) Shawn McBreaity (abs) David Young
Ted Chadbourne (abs) Susan Nolde (abs) Paul Weiss
Tom Gruber + (abs) Mike Schwindt

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting October 5th, 2016

- Minutes from September were approved.
- Greely Woods (DY): Brad sent an email with status of project. Second bridge in, needs some cross members to make it easier to cross. The trail is marked in yellow – eventually will have blue markers. Parking on shoulder of road. Will have some gravel placed when Town does Knight's Pond area. Oct 24th Cam Plourde (scout responsible for project) will give presentation to Town Council to complete project. If can get easement over neighbor's (Neal's) property then won't need 3rd bridge. Brad Hilton extend trail to town property.
- Cumberland Trail Network (PW)
 - Paul gave presentation to Town Council last month on plans for trail network. Well received. He also gave presentation on CT sign logs. The Council will vote in October meeting to adopt logo.
 - Dave Buford (surveyor) marked out boundary between the Gallants' and Hall's property by Rines forest/ Idlewood. Problem is a stone wall at end of the trail plus need to cross a gully. Reroute trail to edge of property. Waiting on feedback on marked area. If end up needing to use Hall's property instead of Gallant's, then need to write up a trail easement. Trail terminus should be marked with CT sign (once approved).
 - Rines Forest to driving range (Babcock owner). Paul will contact Fred Kenny to see about getting easement over field before Blanchard Rd.
 - Powerline trail – no update.
 - Falmouth by Mill Creek to Longwoods Rd. – no update
 - Mentioned that there should be standardization on using 3" aluminum nails for trail markers.
 - Paul mentioned that we should probably touch base with Rines Forest committee so they are up to date.
- Town Forest – Story Board dedication October 9th.
- Town Forest remaining issues:
 - Need new snowmobile signs (Shawn). Still one of the old metal sign left (by bridge at M4).
 - Update map and verbiage at kiosk – waiting to finalize map with correct trail data. Possibly use better data so landfill is not brown.
 - When map complete need to print out maps for distribution and put online.

- Remove old trail markers from previous trails – (Mike and Ellen)
- Cleanup old tape (Mike and Ellen)
- Put new CT logo at terminus
- Fix sign by ballfield!! Points wrong way
- Need to update MaineTrailfinders.com when all work is done.
- Move (remove?) signs in field to property edge
- Need to add a marker at triangle to point back to senior housing (similar to one that points to Town Hall).
- Move connection of loop trail for snowmobiles over to Bateman trail starting at Drowne Rd to Rt 9 (Shawn) – this will need to be GPS'ed
- Trail names – need to update map.
- Town Forest walk ?
- Old snowmobile trail – leave as is.

- Plan to have a section of buckthorn by the landfill mechanically cut by Paul Napolitano to get idea of cost/acre.

- No update on squaring off property boundary in field (lama lady).

- Tree info signs. Mike and Ellen walked trail with Shane Duigan (district forester) to identify trees. Actually added a few more. Need to get all data (both trails, railroad/field trail, benches, markers, storyboard signs and potential items to ID on one map so can start winnowing them down by location and duplication. Ellen will meet with Judy Colby-George mid-October to work on collating data. Still need to decide about signage. Sam will contact Sue Nolde to see if she is interested in pursuing grant through Project Canopy.

- Butterfly garden – Mike got a hold of a truckload of native plants donated by Plainview Farms to use in a butterfly garden. Possibly establish on edge of field off railroad trail near cattails. This may wait until spring. Plants currently at Mike's house. (Mike and Ellen)

- October 24th meeting snowmobile club request use of Town Forest Trail.

- Trail Guide – on hold pending trail information – maybe do a partial update

- Education – bats, brown tail moth. Sam mentioned issue of bittersweet overtaking Rt 88 area. Maybe look into presentation by state or cooperative extension. Sam seeing if he can find contact of who did invasive insect presentation.

- **Next meeting November 2nd 7pm**