

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: September 24, 2016 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Peter Bingham+ Shawn McBreaity David Young
Ted Chadbourne (late) Susan Nolde (abs) Paul Weiss
Tom Gruber + (abs) Mike Schwindt

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting September 7th, 2016

- Minutes from July were approved.
- Greely Woods (DY): Scout (Cameron Plourde) project almost done. Bridge is in. Needs staining and a bit of fill. Still need second bridge. Need some gravel for parking. Town will do that when they do Knights Pond area. If can get easement over neighbor's (Neal's) property then won't need 3rd bridge. Need to find volunteer scout to build 2nd bridge. Brad Hilton extend trail to town property.
- Cumberland Trail Network (PW) – Paul spent a great deal of time cleaning up map. Not quite done. Needs to get rid of some bogus trails. Add snowmobile trails and color code. Goal to overlay color type and status.
 - Cross Cumberland trail connecting Falmouth to North Yarmouth. He met with Penny A and some landowners. Easement on Dave Galant's land ~200 ft. Peter and Ruth Hall – neighbors on the other side of the trail. Where trail exits now difficult to get to. Prefer a split trail type fence – make it easier to know where trail is. Property survey needed. Also need to write-up easement. Bill will send info to Paul about surveyor. Need to walk area. Still need a more “formal” agreement/easement. Need to relocate trail by driving range. Need a cleaner route through Rines; some sections are wet.
 - New trail gifted by Milihins connects Winsor Lane to Rines Forest.
 - Powerline trail – no update. Yarmouth finishing up by Hillside.
 - Falmouth by Mill Creek to Longwoods Rd. – no update
 - Make presentation to council where we are going with this.
- Town Forest – apparently storyboard project has been started. Post have been put in. Mulch placed in connector section of trail.
- Town Forest remaining issues:
 - Need new snowmobile signs (Shawn)
 - Update map and verbiage at kiosk – waiting for GPS cable to get updated information from GPS'ed trail and points. Verbiage ready to go. All old signs (except for kiosk) have been removed.
 - When map complete need to print out maps for distribution and put online.
 - Remove old trail markers from previous trails
 - Cleanup old tape (need to discuss with Bill what can be removed)
 - Put new CT logo at both entrances
 - Fix sign by ballfield!! Points wrong way
 - Need to update MaineTrailfinders.com when all work is done.
 - Move (remove?) signs in field

- What to do (if anything) about old snowmobile route. Mark on map winter use only?
- Signage about dogs on trail or wait until issue?
- Need to add a marker at triangle to point back to senior housing.
- Invasive species (clip and drip) in September
- Presentation Monday evening (12th) by council recognition of benches in forest to Yarmouth Rotary.
- Move connection of loop trail for snowmobiles over to Batemen trail starting at Drowne Rd to Rt 9 (Shawn) – this will need to be GPSed
- Trail names – need to update map.
- Town Forest walk October or wait until nature signs done next fall?

- Tree info signs. Mike and Ellen walked trails multiple times selecting possible trees/plants/interesting items to label. Came up with 90+ items; and marked with metal tags and stakes. Need printout (waiting on GPS cable) so can overlay all trail info on one map to decide on best placement. Walked trail with Paul who gave preliminary IDs on trees. Mike and Ellen will walk trail with Shane Duigan (district forester) September 19th 2:00 to official identify trees. Mike has requested sign samples – to give us an idea of cost and whatnot. Idea of possibly getting a grant to help with cost of signage (discuss Oct meeting). Need to decide how to ID and mark flowers since very seasonal.

- Trail Logo – Paul presented redrafted logo to use on town trails to make consistent and easy to recognize. All liked modification. Needs to be brought in front of council for official approval.

- Blueberry Hill – view to ocean obscured by saplings. Penny of Land Trust looking into cleaning that area up. Trails are marked.

- 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.

- **Next meeting October 5th 7pm**