

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: September 7, 2015 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++

To: CTL&CC members: Tom Gruber + (abs) Susan Nolde (abs)
Peter Bingham+ (abs) Brad Hilton *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne Ellen Hoffman David Young

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting September 2nd, 2015

- Minutes from July meeting were approved as written.
- Town Forest:
 - Gravel has been spread and culverts placed and the trails look terrific.
 - Minor change to trail by landfill
- To do:
 - Trail closed signs need to come down!
 - Rip-rap needs to be put around culverts
 - Mulch needed on sides of trail.
 - Canal needs to be dredged
 - Still some clean-up work needs to be done in cut areas.
 - Need to walk trail with GPS and update the map at both kiosks. Bill and Brad will work on this as well as what to do about info signs. Also mentioned that kiosks should look similar throughout town.
 - Need to put back marker signs
 - Price has gone up on benches. We really want the ones with backs so town will pay what extra is needed. Could end up being a moisture issue with benches – need to monitor how they do and possibly put on some sort of platform +/- or bring indoors during winter. Sam will also check on other bench vendors in case Sue's contacts don't work out.
 - Culverts and improved grading so don't need "steps". Maybe see if Alpha 1 is interested in giving us feedback for wheelchair or access to limited mobility individuals.
 - Bill will invite Joe Anderson to October meeting – talk about respraying. Bill will send Joe a copy of the invasive species brochure (and new trail map).
 - Think about how to do info signs along trail. Bill will have public works make them.
 - Ribbon cutting of new trails. Tentatively set for Saturday October 24th at 2pm. Bill and Ellen will come up with some verbiage for announcement. All electronic. Suggested may be a good time to look for additional members.
 - Look into new or refurbishing Town Forest sign by Town Hall
 - Update to Maine Trail Finders.
- Grant for invasive plant education, control and eradication. Sue – no update
- Invasive plants brochure – A lot of positive feedback. Dudley Greely contacted Tom about possibly meeting to discuss invasive issues.
- Greely Woods – no update

- Town owned properties on Range Way – link to Rock Ridge. Ellen reviewed Brad's letter and survey (to gauge neighbor's interest) and sent changes to Bill. Bill and Ellen will get together and redraft and present at October's meeting.
- Rines Forest – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Knight's Pond - no update
- Ideas/ Project 2015
 - Town Forest – see above
 - Look into some sort of joint meeting between Twin Brooks, Town Forest and Rines Forest committees
 - Arbor Day and tree giveaway – next year
 - Cumberland Circle trail - Need to map with town's GPS.
- **Next meeting October 7th 7pm**