

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: July 12, 2015 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting July 1, 2015

- Minutes from June meeting were approved as written.
- David Ginsberg resigned.
- Town Forest:
 - Roughly \$12,000 recovered from logging – but spent on culverts – basically break even.
 - Gravel is in a pile behind the Town Hall waiting to be spread along with placing of the culverts.
 - Chipping has been done – only on the new loop – not original trail back to Drowne Rd.
 - Sue has contact at Yarmouth Rotary Club. Possibility of getting them to donate benches. Need to tell them where we would like them – they build them in place. Perhaps do a presentation at one of their meetings on invasive species or overall plan of town forest or town-wide trail.
- To do:
 - Spraying buckthorn seems to have worked well. Major chemical spray still needed, especially in logged areas. Possibly spray in fall. Get quote by Joe Anderson. Bill will invite Joe to September meeting. Idea of 2 applications several weeks apart.
 - Still some trail areas need cutting – new sections of trail
 - Some more clean-up needed in cut areas.
 - Dredging of canal
 - Signage – trail signs and 2 large informational signs
 - Old benches need to be removed and plaques kept (reuse?)
 - Town will remove old bridges and reuse where possible
 - GPS both trails – and publish on Maine Trail Finders – with updated verbiage
 - Any update needed to kiosk?
 - When all done do some sort of presentation?
- Grant for invasive plant education, control and eradication. Sue – no update
- Invasive plants brochure – Latest version (revision from Ellen) was distributed for comments. Comments were given to Bill so Eliza will incorporate. Ellen also suggested some modification to the Town Forest trail map that will be sent along with the brochure. Sam suggested we might want better pictures – maybe for version 2?

- Greely Woods – still working on easements.
- Town owned properties on Range Way – link to Rock Ridge. Brad presented a draft version of a letter and survey that will be sent to neighbors in the area to gauge interest in a trail network in the area. Bill will enter survey online so survey can be done as hardcopy or online. Ellen and Bill will tweak somewhat first.
- 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
 - Medicinal plant talk – table issue for now
 - Cumberland Circle trail – Brad presented idea of scope. Need to map with town's GPS.
- **Next meeting September 2nd 7pm (no meeting in August)**