

## Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

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

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting April 1st, 2015

- Minutes from March meeting were approved with date corrected (from February to March).
- Town Forest:
  - Logging is complete. High School students to pull brush off trail so town can chip – senior project. Should be doable in May.
  - Gravel and culvert will be placed once snow melts. Need to wait for the ground to thaw else the culverts will likely shift. Dredging of canal will also be done when culverts are done.
  - Benches (4) – would like to replace with same type – rustic that look like they have been sawn from a log. Idea to see if could be made in high school woodworking shop or at PACE or maybe Fat Andy's. Need to take pictures and measurements. Would like to also preserve the plaques.
  - Knotweed – address issue in the spring. Look into Joe's recommendations.
  - Wait through summer to see if spraying of Buckthorn worked.
  - Trail "steps" – wait until culverts put in to see if still needed (near M9 and M12).
  - Suggest members walk trail before next meeting to give feedback.
  - Brad brought up issue of 2nd red pine plantation
  - Look into ID'ing trees in town forest. EH will contact Brenda to see if she has contact of Scout Master – if they could help with this.
  - To do:
    - Decide what to do about the roots.
    - Phragmites along trail – address in the spring
    - Organize buckthorn pull.
    - Should probably have Joe come back May/June time frame to assess success of buckthorn efforts.
    - Continue cleanup of harvested areas
    - Update Maine Trail Finders - need gpx file of old and new trail. EH and Bill Shane will map with Town's new GPS in spring. Update verbiage on trail description (EH)
    - Locate and map hickory trees in town forest – wait until spring.

- Bill Shane will let us know when training session for new GPS.
- Grant to inventory ash trees in town - no update from Bill M – procedure or Sue – grant.
- Grant for invasive plant education, control and eradication. Sue – no update
- Invasive plants brochure - Dave G created a preliminary version. We all liked concept but would like it to be more specific to town forest. Would like to see a working version (formatted) to get a better feel for space.
- Greely Woods – Bill Shane working with land owners about pedestrian easements. Town possibly sell the T-shaped parcel. Need to make sure enough of an easement to get across to other parcels. Other 2 parcels off the table; they are landlocked so development unlikely.
- Town owned properties on Range Way – link to Rock Ridge. Still in flux.
- March meeting Ted requested from Bill Shane a list of town owned properties – indicating which ones are up for sale. Ted was curious of the conservation value of these town owned parcels. He has since amended this to request a list of town owned properties by category (specifically: forest land, open space, recreation, ocean, tax acquired) with acreage of each lot.
- Sam reviewed several projects that came before committee. He will submit recommendations (after passing around for any comments).
- Rines Forest – no update
- Vernal pools – no update – Sam will contact Penny A to keep us in the loop
- Knights Pond – fundraising on going
- Ideas/ Project 2015
  - Town Forest – see above
  - Look into some sort of joint meeting between Twin Brooks, Town Forest and Rines Forest committees
  - Ash tree survey (trees and Emerald Ash Borer) – see above
  - Arbor Day and tree giveaway (Bill M)
  - Medicinal plant talk (Bill M get info)
  - Cumberland Circle trail – Brad presented idea of scope. Need to map with town's GPS
- **Next meeting May 6th 7pm**