

## Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: January 18, 2015 (\* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++ (abs)  
To: CTL&CC members: David Ginsberg (abs) Bill Mullin (abs)  
~~Penny Asherman~~ Tom Gruber + (abs) Susan Nolde (abs)  
Peter Bingham+ (abs) Brad Hilton \*Sam York  
Ted Chadbourne Ellen Hoffman David Young (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman  
Re: Meeting January 14th, 2015

- Minutes from December meeting were approved (one typo corrected).
- Note – Penny Asherman has resigned from committee. Also meeting held one week later than normal.
- Town Forest:
  - New signs have been put up by road and near ball park to show trail direction
  - EH applied paint to cover the orange paint on hickory tree so town won't cut.
  - No logging as of yet.
  - Trail – no update; wait until spring.
  - Benches (4) – decided they should be replaced somehow; maybe a rustic style. Brad mentioned maybe Fat Andy would donate some wood. Revisit idea later.
  - Trail “steps” – wait until after harvest and culverts put in to see if still needed (near M9 and M12).
  - To do:
    - Decide what to do about the roots.
    - Phragmites along trail
    - Organize buckthorn pull. EH suggested tying this in with a caching event.
    - Continue cleanup of harvested area
    - Update Maine Trail Finders - need gpx file of old and new trail. Update verbiage on trail description (EH)
- Invasive species (insects) – Bill M will send Allison a thank you note. (no update)
- Grant to inventory ash trees in town - Bill M will contact Allison and see if she can point us in the right direction. Bill will also talk to Deb the tree warden in Yarmouth and find out about where to get tags, cost, and when is a good time to inventory trees. Sam spoke with Sue Nolde and she is interested in writing grant proposal.
- Grant for invasive plant education, control and eradication. Possible have Sue look into this as well.
- Brad brought up idea of identifying hickory trees in town forest – wait until spring.

- Invasive plants brochure - create one similar to Falmouth's. See how they got funding. Dave G will look into this. (no update)
- "Greely Forest" – 3 interconnected properties between Greely Rd Ext and Cottage Farm (R6 lot 16, R6 lot 15, U13A lot 18). Brad's previously proposed a motion that the Town Council take the following actions:
  - Assign the name "Greely Forest" to these properties and the existing pedestrian ROW connection between them;
  - Work to legally conserve the "Greely Forest" as permanent open space and specific trail connector use as has occurred over the recent few decades with basically no Town Government or Town Committee management or expense.

Sam drafted letter stating our position; Brad not happy with the revised version of his motion (left out most of second bullet above). Bill S previously suggested not pursuing the issue until find out more about easements for interconnecting trails. Need to be able to access trails across private property. Ted proposed motion to send letter to Town Council as is. No second. Table issue until next meeting; revise letter.

- Joint meeting between various land committees (Twin Brook, Rines Forest, Val Halla, Ocean Access) - common interest – more coordination. Should get Bill Shane's input.
- Question of clarification on committee's responsibility to respond to Planning Board issues – whether are input is requested or not. Look at mission statement.
- 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 – see above
  - Ash tree survey (trees and Emerald Ash Borer) – see above
  - Arbor Day and tree giveaway
  - Medicinal plant talk (Bill M get info)
  - Cumberland Circle trail – Brad will define scope. Map with town's GPS
- **Next meeting Feb 4th 7pm**