

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: November 17, 2014 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++ (abs)
To: CTL&CC members: David Ginsberg Bill Mullin
Penny Asherman Tom Gruber + Susan Nolde (abs)
Peter Bingham+ Brad Hilton *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne Ellen Hoffman David Young

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting November 5th, 2014

- Minutes from October meeting were approved as written.
- Town Forest:
 - Brad brought in copies of new maps that will be displayed at kiosk and at the trail entryway on Drowne Rd. The new maps show the old and new trails as well as the future trails and placements of markers. Trail maps will also be available at the kiosks.
 - Signs/or markers are still needed on Drowne Rd to lead back to start of trail.
 - EH planted a small shagbark hickory next to small bridge by town hall. The tree is 3 years old – roughly same age / time as we have been working on the forest. Maybe tag the tree marking size and date?
 - The trees that are marked with bright orange will be cut at next harvest (December). These trees need to be cut so public works has enough room to get equipment through to install culverts and gravel.
 - Brad marked out future new trail near railroad tracks with bright green tape. Old trail was slightly off town property.
 - Joe Anderson, Brad and Dave (foliar) sprayed along parts of trail with Roundup to try and control buckthorn.
 - Brad found a 4th grade passport in forest. Penny will notify teachers of trail updates (new map).
 - Town chipped (shredded) some of the piles – as far as they could get into the forest. Consensus is buckthorn does not chip well. Previous chips that were spread on trail were brought in – and buckthorn cuttings removed. Even after sitting several months, the buckthorn just shreds.
 - To do:
 - Decide what to do about the roots.
 - Revisit educational/informational signs: keep, replace, or remove
 - Phragmites along trail
 - Organize buckthorn pull. EH suggested tying this in with a caching event.
 - Continue cleanup of harvested area

- When all is said and done – need to let Maine Trail Finders know modifications to trail. Should walk completed old and new trail with new town GPS.
- Invasive species (insects) – presentation by State Forestry Service. Bill M will send Allison a thank you note.
- See about getting a grant to inventory ash trees in town. Bill M will contact Allison and see if she can point us in the right direction.
- New Business
 - Payson Property – planning board Nov 18th. Dave Y added comments. All comments need to be in to Sam by Nov 12 so he can summarize. Dave G and Ted also interested in adding comments.
- Rines Forest – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Invasive species grant search – no update
- Knights Pond – Property walk held October 19th to showcase the property. Sponsored by the Land Trust and several other organizations. Open to the public. Several naturalists were on hand to explain the forest and pond. Option to purchase property expires June 2015.
- Trail sub-committee – no update other than town forest
- **Next meeting Dec 3rd 7pm**