

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: October 6, 2014 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: David Ginsberg Bill Mullin
Penny Asherman (abs) Tom Gruber + (abs) Susan Nolde (abs)
Peter Bingham+ Brad Hilton *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne Ellen Hoffman David Young

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting October 1st, 2014

- Minutes from September meeting were approved with one amendment – Ted’s motion was that we (this committee) recommend to the town council that the policy on trapping be the same on all town owned properties.
- Town Forest:
 - The trees that are marked with bright orange will be cut at next harvest. These trees need to be cut so public works has enough room to get equipment through. Next harvest December time frame so need to wait until then before town can install culverts and gravel.
 - EH will resend Bill Shane info on suggested signage to get people from trail at Village Green back to kiosk.
 - Brad marked out new trail near railroad tracks. Old trail was slightly off town property.
 - Brad cleaned up sign at kiosk – both map and glass. Still need updated map and possibly mark trails in separate colors. Should indicate on map where post markers are. Should also clearly show that old trail does not loop back but ends at Village Green Rd. We should also have signage at trail junction that old trail ends at road.
 - 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. Print updated maps for public.
 - Plan to have Joe Anderson train some of the committee members (those that can make it) on how to apply the foliar spray to the buckthorn. Meet at kiosk Tuesday 7th 1:30-4; rain date Wednesday 8th. The plan is to spray the entire trail – new return trail. Attack only the smaller new shoots from where we cut and see how effective it is. Using Round-up.
 - David continues cutting to widen existing trail. Would like help moving branches away from trail.
 - Wait until later to decide what to do about the roots. Bill said chips that were piled and spread were not from the cut buckthorn – they are way too stringy – these came from the stump dump.

- Need to revisit educational/informational signs at some point: keep, replace, or remove. Ted suggested possible subcommittee to look into this.
- Leave Phragmites along trail for now.
- Brad admitted that the knotweed is winning. See if can coordinate spraying with Joe.
- Organize buckthorn pull
- Trash cleanup
- Delimbing large pines
- Anymore cleanup of harvested area?
- Invasive species (insects) – presentation by State Forestry Service discuss Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid and winter moth. Invite surrounding towns and Land Trusts – regional issue. Bill M coordinating; October 16th (Thursday) 7-8:30. Penny and Ellen put up copies of invitation at various locations in and around town. Send invitations electronically to Town Crier, Channel 2, and Family Network. Mention to high school science class. Info will be sent to master gardeners and Maine Cooperative Ext. Record presentation and put on town website; send DVDs of meeting to towns to rebroadcast. Bill Shane said that the town will provide snacks (cider and donuts).
- Trapping on town lands – issue brought up at last council meeting. Referred to ordinance committee which will take up issue at their next meeting. Want same policy on all town lands. Basically enforcing state law. Was warden notified?
- Rines Forest – no update
- Blueberry Hill logging – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Invasive species grant search – no update
- Knights Pond – no update
- Trail sub-committee – no update other than town forest
- **Next meeting November 5th 7pm**