

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: September 4, 2014 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: David Ginsberg (abs) Bill Mullin
Penny Asherman Tom Gruber + (abs) Susan Nolde (abs)
Peter Bingham+ Brad Hilton *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne Ellen Hoffman David Young

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting September 3, 2014

- Minutes from June were approved (July – town forest walk; Aug - no meeting).
- Town Forest:
 - Bill Shane meeting with Jeremy of IFM and public works about next steps. Need to cut some trees to allow public works to get equipment on trail to spread gravel and install culverts (trees marked in bright orange). Town will use very small dump trucks (Track Trucks) for work. Dave or Brad will try and accompany them.
 - Bill Shane will meet with Joe Anderson 9:00 tomorrow (9/4) at Town Hall. Want to discuss setting up idea of “adopt a forest” for Rines. Have Joe also look at the new return trail and start of trail to get quote for spraying buckthorn in town forest.
 - Directional signage is complete.
 - The map at kiosk needs to be updated. Use the map Bill created with GPX file Ellen created. Also print out paper maps and leave in mail box at town hall. Laminate map somehow – this one will be temporary until trail is complete and can be walked with Town’s new GPS.
 - Brad mentioned that bow hunting starts soon and he will return hunting warning sign at kiosk and put other near railroad track “entrance”.
 - Discussion about traps found in Rines Forest. Issue will be taken up by Town Council to amend the use policy to require permission to use traps. Dangerous. Illegal since no name on trap and not marked. Mentioned game warden should be notified. Ted made motion that this committee recommend to the Town Council that the policy on trapping be the same on all town owned properties. All in favor – Brad abstained. Ted also made motion for this committee to discuss idea of not permitting trapping on town land. None in favor; motion denied.
 - Remaining issues -
 - Need to modify trail near railroad tracks – not currently on town property
 - Foliar spray stems that were previously cut. Cost; should we post?
 - Educational signage – should we remove or redo?

- Discuss how to enter/exit trail by Village Green. Need sign how to return.
- Address Phragmites along trail.
- Knotweed – one section across from the salt shed. Brad is working to keep under control – somewhat contained.
- Organize buckthorn pull – council will bring up during next meeting.
- Address roots or reroute around them on original trail
- Trash – clean up
- Delimbing large pines
- Chip piles in forest?
- Gravel and culverts needed – currently logs laid over trail
- Anymore cleanup of harvested area?
- New map at kiosk
- Invasive species (insects) – presentation by State (Forestry Service). Invite surrounding towns and Land Trusts – regional issue. Bill M coordinating; October 16th (Thursday) 7-8:30. Penny will look at Land Trust doing invitations. Record presentation and put on town website. Bill M will send Penny PowerPoint presentation and pictures to use. Discuss Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid and winter moth. Send invitations electronically to Town Crier, Channel 2, and Family Network. Mention to high school science class. Send DVDs of meeting to towns to rebroadcast. Bake snacks?
- Review ordinance of Town Land Committee. Need a subcommittee to deal uniformly within town forests; comprehensive approach. Sub-committee of Twin Brook, Val Halla, Town Forest, Rines. Approval and recommendation done with this committee.
- Payson Property – Council set up a committee to look at issue of usage. This committee gives input if any existing trails or natural resource review. Can send any thoughts to Sam. Public access currently along rock wall.
- 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 October 1st 7pm**