

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: March 13, 2014(* = Chair; + = liaison TC; +=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting March 5, 2014

- Minutes from February were approved (noted that Brad was absent).
- Welcomed new member David Ginsberg. Brian Restuccia resigned.
- Town Forest: Bill Shane said cutting has started. Jeremy Stultz (from IFM) doesn't think they will finish this year. Jeremy walked "new" trail location with Brad. He said they will see what can be done to help move the new trail along.
- Comprehensive Plan update – land use chapter. Taken on by a (yet to be formed) update committee. Advertise for members; late April/ early May time frame. Zoning changes; a lot of changes in Town since RR1/RR2 enacted. Update committee will also look at conservation subdivision in non-growth areas. Also draft survey questions pertaining to zoning and other related issues.
- Invasive species (insects) – presentation by State (Forestry Service). Invite surrounding towns and Land Trust – regional issue. Bill M coordinating. April timeframe. Bill was not present so don't know status. Bill Shane offered a variety of dates in April that would work for the town. Sam will try and follow up with Bill. Need enough leeway so can advertise and let other towns know.
- Brad H – trail management proposal (trail effort document) – Encourage preservation and growth of trails throughout town. Brad mentioned no central location of trail information. Idea of putting links to selective town properties and trails on town website. Data should only be in one place and then referenced (via links) Need to talk to Mike Crosby (Town IT person). Brad also presented an interesting map by John Jensenius that shows a variety of trails that fall within the Cumberland Center Trail concept. Bill Shane will use this map to show how the trails on the 2 town owned properties off of Greely Rd Ext are connected to other existing trails. Need to map existing trails – need digital data. Original trail guide is outdated (e.g. Chebeague Island no longer part of Cumberland). Trail guide info is not digital.
- Rines Forest – no update
- Blueberry Hill logging – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Invasive species grant search – no update
- Knights Pond – no update

- Presumpscot River Watershed – Penny presented book put together by the Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition: Land Conservation in the Lower Presumpscot River Watershed; Vision Values and Priorities 2013. Tool to use to help towns priorities natural areas and protect those deemed highest priority within watershed. Each member will have chance to take it home to peruse.
- Ideas for Goals/Projects for 2014.
 - Arbor Day – tree handout with 4th/5th grade class. Maybe this year also include an educational component about invasive insects. Bill M will see about getting tree plugs.
 - Invasive species presentation to Mr. Madden’s MS class to tie in with their tree project. Bill M will see if can organize something with cooperative extension.
 - Invasive species education: see minutes above
 - Conservation subdivision ordinance: see minutes above.
 - (Sub)Committee to work on trails throughout town – plan, improvements, guide (publication either online or hardcopy), recommendations. Brad discussed his trail effort document - see minutes above.
 - Tree City – Committee decided not to pursue this idea.
 - Backyard habitat – still open for discussion.
 - Volunteer Core – similar to Falmouth – group of volunteers from town available to work on projects. Discussed in terms of working on invasive species in town forest. Volunteers would need supervision and very clear goals and objectives. Need to plan how to use the volunteers.
 - Look into purchasing GPS – needed for a variety of projects throughout town. Look at from infrastructure side. Penny also looking into – use on Land Trust properties. Need to GPS trails. Maybe start with ones on John Jensenius’ map. EH and DG volunteered to help with the mapping of the trails.
- **Next meeting April 2nd 7pm.**