

## Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: February 26, 2014 (\* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++  
To: CTL&CC members: Brad Hilton (abs) Brian Restuccia (abs)  
Penny Asherman (abs) Ellen Hoffman \*Sam York  
Ted Chadbourne (late) Bill Mullin David Young (abs)  
Tom Gruber + Susan Nolde (abs) Peter Bingham+

From: Ellen Hoffman  
Re: Meeting February 12, 2014

- Minutes from January were approved with minor modifications. It was noted that Brad was tasked with drafting a trail effort document as one of the goals for 2014.
- Sam contacted Brian Restuccia who said he will resign from committee. Sam will contact Brenda to put out notice that we would like more members.
- Town Forest: Bill Shane said that hopefully cutting will begin soon. All the preliminary work is complete.
- Comprehensive Plan update – land use chapter. Will be an update committee. Advertise for members; late April/ early May time frame. Zoning changes; a lot of changes in Town since RR1/RR2 enacted.
- Invasive species (insects) – presentation by State (Forestry Service). Invite surrounding towns and Land Trust – regional issue. Bill M coordinating. April timeframe.
- Brad H – trail management proposal – table until next month. Idea of a Cumberland Center Trail. Get town by-in, linking of town properties. Want to encourage preservation and growth of trails throughout town.
- 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 – tabled Penny not here.
- Ideas for Goals/Projects for 2014.
  - Arbor Day – tree handout with 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 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: Collaborative effort – regional – surrounding towns
- Conservation subdivision ordinance – currently in pre-draft stage. Idea is to protect resources and wildlife corridors first then plan subdivision layout. Other way around end up protecting what's left. Currently off town's radar screen. Concepts works in rural areas but not so much in growth areas. Table for now. New subcommittee with look at this. Currently too restrictive as written. Get input from Judy Colby George and Sally Stockwell.
- (Sub)Committee to work on trails throughout town – plan, improvements, guide (publication either online or hardcopy), recommendations. Brad will draft a trail effort document that either this committee or a subcommittee should take into consideration., Brad H will also write up what he presented to town on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Decision on property status later in January. If Town keeps property, then it should probably be logged. Look into easement for trail connectivity.
- Tree City – Ellen presented the requirements to become a Tree City. Tom G questioned the importance (cost/ benefit). Need more specifics as to what counts in terms of money spent. Bill S will find out what Yarmouth does and how figures spending per capita. Need a tree ordinance – see what other towns have come up with. Also need a tree warden.
- Backyard habitat (maybe tie in with New England Cottontail habitat). Ellen will get some info.
- Volunteer Core – similar to Falmouth – group of volunteers from town available to work on projects. (see under Town Forest status)
- Look into purchasing GPS – needed for a variety of projects throughout town. Look at from infrastructure side.
- **Next meeting March 5th 7pm.**