

## **Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission**

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

From: Ellen Hoffman  
Re: Meeting January 8, 2014

- Minutes from December approved.
- No decision has been made on status of Brian Restuccia who has not attended a number of meetings. Sam tried to contact him for update.
- Election of officers – no change: Sam remains as Chair and Ellen remains as secretary.
- Town Forest:
  - No logging as of this meeting
  - Invasive species work wait until after logging
  - Idea – adopt an acre. Suggested by Bill Styles- people or organization
  - Discussion to dedicate funds in budget for chemicals
  - Volunteers – sense of ownership but need clarification on time commitment, expectation, results. Clearly defined areas, Need volunteer coordinator. What to do with plants, where to put them. Senior project. Use of inmates. Lions Club, scouts, IB – CAS project or senior project. Need to get on acceptable senior or CAS project list now. Help from Cooperative Extension – educate volunteers. Church Green Team (Lala Caruthers). Joe Anderson willing to help train. Bill M will look into this.
  - Jeremy (of IFM) still needs to contact Brad H about trails – before cutting.
  - Trimming of trees (lower branches) –to improve lumber quality
- Invasive species (insects) – presentation by State (Forestry Service). Invite surrounding towns and Land Trust – regional issue. Bill M coordinating.
- Penny will see if she can get financials for logging in Farwell (Seekins) Forest.
- Bill Shane said we didn't get Norcross Foundation grant for a GPS.
- Rines Forest – no update

- Blueberry Hill logging – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Invasive species grant search – no update
- 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. Work with Carla to improve. 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. Bill S will ask Carla about where this stands.
  - Knights Pond – on hold
  - 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 will get requirements.
  - 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)
- **Next meeting February 5th 7pm.**