

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: May 7, 2016, 2016 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++ (late)
To: CTL&CC members: Ellen Hoffman Mike Schwindt
Peter Bingham+ Shawn McBreaity *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne (abs) Susan Nolde (abs) David Young
Tom Gruber +(on time) Sally Pierce (abs) Paul Weiss (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting May 4th, 2016

- Minutes from April were approved.
- Added the position of vice chair. Mike Schwindt was nominated and approved unanimously for this position. The vice chair will fill in when the chairman is unable to attend meetings. Sam was voted to stay as chair and Ellen was voted to stay as secretary.
- Range Roads/Ways – Ted brought up concern in a previous meeting, of development encroaching on these rights of way. Bill mentioned that the Town is working to make sure that entirety of these roads (Greely, Range Way and Tuttle) stay on the tax and road maps.
- Town Forest remaining issues:
 - Naming/marketing the trails by color. The map at the kiosk will need to be updated with new trail names. Improve coloring if possible so don't see so much tan for landfill. Sam and Ellen lead.
 - Move the large unmanaged forest info sign. This will happen once the weather improves.
 - Tree info signs. Need to identify which trees/plants we want to mark for identification. Will the location of the info signs be indicated on the kiosk map or possibly tie in with markers? Mike will contact Bill Follet – local scout leader; they may be interested in helping out. Do we have a criteria (important, invasive, any)? What should be on the signs? Format? Photo? Maybe use the large tree root for guessing age of tree? John Leavitt (retired state forester) possibly help out with identification. Mike lead; Ellen help. Mike and Ellen walked town forest to get better feel for what to identify and where to put info signs. Bill will order some ID tags to place on trees.
 - New benches – The placement spots have been marked, need to wait for nicer weather. Tom Gruber will oversee the placement of the benches. After installation, Peter Bingham will invite Yarmouth Rotary Club to a Town Council meeting to thank them.
 - Need to update Maine Trail Finders and other online sites once new trails are named and marked. Also need to update verbiage and update the trail for them (send them a GPX file). Ellen will take the lead.

- Plan another walk in fall – late September. Lead?
 - Treat invasive species after Labor Day (contractor). Five year plan.
 - Peter mentioned possibility of getting some of the already cut hardwood for the wood bank. Question of how to get it out of the forest.
 - Shawn mentioned that there should be hunting signs posted year round (at both entrances). Bill said public works will take care of it.
 - A new culvert and a larger bridge will be installed near Marker 7 for snowmobiles so they can exit forest trail earlier.
 - Status of lama field? Will this area be mowed like the adjoining field? Placement of a bench?
- Range Way – right now it is a trail to nowhere. Low priority. Need to wait until Buzz Lamb issue resolved. Eventually part of Circle Trail?
 - Greely Woods – trails are in great shape (just need signage). Parking? Easements may be a moot point. The existing trail entrance over town land has been improved. Brad Hilton is working with a surveyor (Dave Boufford) and Chris Bolduc (public works). Enlist Eagle Scouts to build bridges. The trail entrance is about 30 ft. further up Greely Rd Ext. from trail over homeowner's property. Dave Young lead.
 - Circle Trail: Connecting trails around and into and out of Cumberland. Paul W has mapped a lot of the trails in town and where they connect to neighboring towns. He will send us shape files digitally. Overlay trails onto Town maps. He noted that some trails are over private property. Idea of connecting Knights Pond through North Yarmouth. Paul W will take the lead.
 - Question of trail from Idlewood and Rines into Falmouth – still unresolved. Sam will contact Don Morrison to get info. Try and establish a formal link.
 - Trail Guide – remove Chebeague Island properties. Add North Yarmouth (Knights Pond) and Community Park near Rines. Need updated photos and GPS of all trails. Need map of existing trails. We need to decide what we want to include in trail guide. Also should standardize all signs for town trails. Update verbiage like dogs allowed, poison ivy, and parking. Lead? Ellen will contact Judy Colby George to see if she can send us some shape files or gpx file of trails. Ellen will contact Sally to see if this is a project she wants to take lead on.
 - Peter mentioned that the Ordinance Committee is looking at making three committees overseeing Town Properties: 1.) Lands Committee for passive recreation and open spaces and town woods(Greely Woods, Town Forest, section of Twin Brooks); 2.) Coastal Waters (Broad Cove); and active recreation (Twin Brooks and Val Halla).
 - Trees and presentation to classroom for Arbor Day (3rd full week in May). We couldn't pull this off this year. Tom will take lead for next year.

- Rines Forest – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Education – bats, brown tail moth – no update. Other ideas?
- **Next meeting June 1st 7pm**