

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: November 20, 2012 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: Tom Gruber + Brian Restuccia (abs)
Penny Asherman Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne Steve Moriarty + (abs) David Young (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting November 7th, 2012

- Minutes from October meeting were approved.
- Mr. Paynter's property on Knight's Pond. Property walk scheduled for Saturday 10th 8:30. Public hearing on 26th to discuss keep property zoned as resource protected and not revert back to limited residential.
- Blueberry Hill logging – no activity to date (on hold for now). Rebecca Leland owns west side of Knights Pond and Blueberry Hill. She recently approached the town and Land Trust to see if interested in purchasing. Many parties at the table now. Option on property to purchase – will take several years to raise funds. Trust for Public Land has skill and resources to help with this.
- Brad Hilton trails, connect Blanchard Rd to Greely Rd over a town owned property. Sent thank you card after site visit as a good will gesture. Penny also left some information with him; she will touch base to see if he has any questions. Need pedestrian easement – passive recreation. Next steps?
- Planning Board
 - Sam separate write up (Contractors' Shop and Morrison's Hill Subdivision). Issue of trails and not following comprehensive plan for Rt 100.
- Draft aquifer ordinance in the works.
- Need to make annual request for funding to combat invasive species in Town's open space parcels. Should make request for \$20,000 so Town Council will have in budget by their November meeting.
- Invasive species grant search – wait until spring. Need \$\$ for trail maintenance as well.
- New England cottontail – state endangered species. Training sessions Saturday Dec 1st 9-11 at Maine Audubon and Thursday Dec 6th 9-11 at Log Cabin in Yarmouth. Contact Penny if interested.
- Projects/goals for 2012 – mentioned to Bill that we should be given status/stage of projects so that we know where things stand.

- Invasive species education – Bob Bittenbender was unable to do presentation this fall so try and schedule something for April 16-May 16 2013 (both indoors and out). Sam will contact him.
- Schedule a walk with the Maine Tree Club. TG will contact Amy Witt and try and schedule something for late September 2013.
- Update Trail Guide. Sam will contact Brian Sterns to see status of trail system. No more info about trail to connect Falmouth trail with Rines Forest. Penny mentioned Norcross Foundation had grants to upgrade field equipment. Get GPS units to help map trails.
- Town Garden – Karen will give update on operation and food pantry (when/to whom?).
- See what projects other towns are taking on. Also look into what is happening through Maine Conservation Commissions. Sam will forward any info he receives.
- Increase membership – join up with North Yarmouth CC or Energy Commission? TG has a few possible candidates in mind (Brad Hilton and Bill Mullen). TG will find out who is chairman of NY CC.
- **Next meeting December 5th 7:00**