

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

Date: June 18, 2012 (\* = Chair; + = liaison TC; +=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++ (late)

To: CTL&CC members: Tom Gruber + (abs) Brian Restuccia (abs)  
Penny Asherman Ellen Hoffman \*Sam York  
Ted Chadbourne Steve Moriarty + (abs) David Young

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting June 6th, 2012

- Minutes from May meeting were approved.
- Town Forest - Sam submitted grant request to National Fish and Wildlife to help fight invasive species. The request was denied. Sam thinks the reason is that we are too small of an organization. Plus most of the grants were awarded for projects on the west coast. Sam will try and get the exact reason(s). We can use what was done for this towards another application. Sam will also contact Project Canopy and see if there is any money available to help with invasive species and / or trail building and maintenance.
- Blueberry Hill logging – Sam reported there has been no cutting but a lot more trees have been marked. Concerned about the 250 foot setback around pond. Sam will contact Bill Longley – code enforcement officer - and mention all the trees that are marked within the 250 feet from pond. Issue will this be rezoned from 250 to 100 feet? Town still needs to approve zoning change. We (Lands Committee) should comment on not allowing it to be rezoned. Bill Longley needs to go back out and see what is marked to cut. Talked about what is the incentive to not cut within shore land zone area. Perhaps the penalty (unsure of what that is exactly) should be increased.
- Planning Board
  - Several projects off Blackstrap Rd – See Sam York's and David Young's comments – submitted to Carla Nixon (and sent around to members) earlier today (June 18<sup>th</sup>).
- Projects/goals for 2012
  - Invasive species education – Bob Bittenbender – Sam will try and schedule Bob for Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> 12-2 at Town Hall. Think about a gift for doing presentation. Need to advertise. Town supply snacks?
  - Celebrate Arbor Day - TG and PA distributed 350 Balsam Fir seedlings to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at NYMS end of May. They also gave a presentation about the importance of trees and how to take care of them and what happens if you cut them all down. They explained what it meant to be a good environmental steward and stressed the importance of volunteering. PA mentioned that it would be better if this was done every other year since it would be a whole new batch of kids.

- Schedule a walk with the Maine Tree Club. We need to wait until the end of July and request a date then; waiting for a new person to come aboard for them. Ideally want to schedule something for end of September.
- Update Trail Guide. Cumberland's trails are individual trails and not connected so no real trail map. Penny will bring Falmouth guide to next meeting. Both Yarmouth and Falmouth are building trails and would like to connect through Cumberland. Brian Sterns is spear heading some of this effort.
- Discussion of foot trail to connect Falmouth trail with Rines Forest. Problem is property owner's driveway is on right of way. Need to flag boundary. Issue is easement says no cutting – but would need to cut some to make trail. Meeting scheduled for next weekend (16<sup>th</sup>).
- Town Garden – Becoming very active; there is now a kids' program through summer rec. PA offered Karen our support if needed. Want food to stay local.
- 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. (Is Brian still with us?)
- **Next meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00**