

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: May 8, 2012 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; +=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++ (abs)

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting May 2nd, 2012

- Minutes from April were approved
- Welcomed new member – Brian Restuccia. Tom will get him a new member binder.
- Town Forest - Need to look at grants to fight invasive species and grants to rebuild trail system. Sam will forward grant info that he has received.
- Blueberry Hill logging – Sam mentioned he got a call from the forester who is involved with the Blueberry Hill project. He invited Sam to walk area to explain what will be logged. Walk was later cancelled. Logging operation planned for some time mid to late April. TG will try and get info from Fred Kenny – one of the land owners. Sam will touch base with Bill Shane to talk to Rebecca Leland about acquiring easement. Penny mentioned that Steve Moriarty has been the point person on this. Sam handed out sketch of area where marked trees were.
- Projects/goals for 2012
 - Invasive species education – Bob Bittenbender – Sam will try and schedule Bob for Saturday September 15th 12-2 at Town Hall. Trying to schedule around the tree walk. Think about a gift for doing presentation. Need to advertise. Town supply snacks?
 - Celebrate Arbor Day - TG will see about getting tree plugs through Cooperative Extension in Augusta; need 325. Penny contacted NYMS and 13/15 classes of 4th/5th graders interested.
 - Schedule a walk with the Maine Tree Club. Amy Witt replied that September 30th (and Sundays in general) not good. TG will try and schedule the walk for a different date. We need to settle on date soon so can schedule Bob for invasive species talk. Also need to work around Land Trust events. Need to advertise and organize snacks.
 - Update Trail Guide. Discussion if should be online instead of printed copy. Perhaps give different information to residents (sign in with a password); follow Falmouth's example. Brian Stearns gave presentation to Land Trust about regional trail idea. He is trying to organize another meeting. Penny will bring Falmouth guide to next meeting. Set as top priority for next meeting.

- Town Garden – need more support. PA will speak with Karen Mardyn let her know we are available if needed. Talked about trying to keep produce in town (last year produce went to Freeport for distribution). TG mentioned that there have been improvements at the Cumberland food pantry which will allow produce to stay within Cumberland.
- 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. TG has come through for us but still need a few more.
- **Next meeting June 6th 7:00**