

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: April 15, 2016 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: Ellen Hoffman Mike Schwindt
Peter Bingham+ Shawn McBreairty (new) *Sam York (abs)
Ted Chadbourne Susan Nolde (abs) David Young (abs)
Tom Gruber + (late) Sally Pierce Paul Weiss

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting April 6, 2016

- Minutes from February were approved as amended with Ted's changes (copied here exactly as written):

Corrections to Feb 3, 2016 minutes:

• Ted mentioned that Range Rd and Range Way are supposed to be a contiguous town right of way which has been intruded on by houses and/or a driveway. Ted thinks that the Town should

ASSERT AND DEFEND THAT THIS IS ONE CONTINUOUS RANGE ROAD, SHOULD SHOW IT AS SUCH ON ANY TOWN MAPS TO NOT SEEM TO FORFEIT SUCH TO CLAIMS OF ADVERSE USE SO THE TOWN KEEPS ALL FUTURE OPTIONS OPEN.

NOTE: Bold text to replace original draft minutes.

“extend its influence and this issue should be brought up to the town council in case we later want to build a trail along the right of way.”

2. Re; GREELEY WOODS, TED REPEATED HIS EARLIER CONTENTION THAT INDEPENDENT OF ANY VOLUNTARY OR NEGOTIATED RIGHTS OF WAY, THE TOWN SHOULD ACQUIRE A 60'ALL-PURPOSE RIGHT OF WAY

- Minutes from March were approved.
- New member Shawn McBreairty introduced.
- Sam absent so Bill Shane led meeting.
- 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 down the trail slightly and to the other side since now as you read the sign, you see stumps from newly cut trees. Ellen will let Bill know where it should be moved to.
 - Tree info signs. Need to identify which trees/plants we want to mark for identification. Will need to figure out format. Will the location of the info signs be indicated on the kiosk map or possibly tie in with markers? Peter Bingham said that the scouts or a class might be interested in doing some of this as a project (Senior Project?). Peter will contact Bill Follet – local scout leader. Do we have a criteria (important, invasive, any)? What should be on the signs? Photo? What about guessing age? John Leavitt (retired state

forester and chairman of Twin Brook Committee) possibly help out with identification. Mike will take the lead; Ellen help.

- New benches – 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. Chris Buldoc will contact Yarmouth to find out how to assemble.
- 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 spring? Lead?
- How to handle invasive species. DEP said we should not have pulled buckthorn. Instead clip and dip. Do this in the fall? Bill will see if he can get the same guy who did talk on Broad Cove to discuss with us. We should also touch base with Joe Anderson. Bill walked with Forest Bell (owner of FB Environmental), contractor who is working at Broad Cove Preserve. He said that we should not allow Phragmites to creep; very hard to get rid of once it gets established. August treat both buckthorn and Phragmites. Need to come up with a five year treatment plan. Contractor suggested treat from stations 7 and 9 parallel to Tuttle Road back to forest boundary. What about knotweed? Cost \$15,000 for both (Broad Cove and Town Forest) projects.

Paul expressed concern about toxicity of herbicides used. Questioned what were the alternatives and ½ life and does it go into the groundwater. Bill suggested we bring in someone to clarify – what are the costs in treating – possibly at next meeting.

- Town to do:
 - Still some clean-up work needs to be done in cut areas
 - Bill mentioned move exit of snowmobile trail closer to Marker 7.
 - Bill working with DEP about “improvements” in wet areas. Mapping all wetlands in the forest.
 - What to do with added 30 acre parcel (wedge).
- Range Way – right now it is a trail to nowhere. Low priority. Need to wait until Buzz Lamb issue resolved.
- Greely Woods – trails are in great shape (just need signage). Parking? Still waiting on easement issues. First 1000ft or so are on private property. If we can’t get permission (easement) then we will need to relocate start of trail ~ 50 ft. over. Then there will be two adjacent trails. Prefer one trail. Concern of abutters seems to be permanent easement. Mike suggested idea of a temporary easement. Bill will reach out to John J and Brad with this idea.
- Circle Trail: Importance of connecting trails especially with regards to Circle Trail. 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. (Don Morrison – trail system in Falmouth.) Paul W will take the lead.

- Question of trail from Idlewood and Rines into Falmouth – still unresolved.
- Trail Guide – remove Chebeague Island properties. Add North Yarmouth (Knights Pond) and Community Park near Rines. Need updated photos and GPS 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?
- Elect officers postponed until next month.
- Trees and presentation to classroom for Arbor Day (3rd full week in May). Tom will contact state to find out about getting trees? Need to contact school or principal about doing presentation to 4th or 5th graders. Sue, you still going to take the lead on this?
- Town Council: May 9th meeting TRC Engineers presentation on using the landfill area (4.5 acres) for solar panels. Land lease – town possibly purchase power.
- Rines Forest – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Education – bats, brown tail moth – no update. Other ideas?
- **Next meeting May 4th 7pm**