

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: January 24, 2012 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.)
To: CTL&CC members: Tom Gruber + (late) Bill Shane++
Penny Asherman Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne(late) Steve Moriarty + (abs) David Young (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting Jan 4th, 2012

- Minutes from December meeting were approved.
- Town Forest
 - Doesn't look like they will be able to cut this year.
 - Public Works will make the directional signs – hopefully within the month.
 - What to do with informational and interpretive signs? Need to take picture of current signs and their location so can fix/replace/remove.
 - Idea of signs explaining invasive species.
 - Ask Sally S. about informational signs.
 - Town will inventory existing signs
 - EH will email Bill Shane GPS track of Town Forest trail where intersects with snowmobile trail.
 - How will snowmobile trail connect with Bateman project?
 - Bill S and code enforcement officer will walk part of Bateman project soon – inspection of clearing limits.
- Penny mentioned Land Trust received gift of farm land: Meeting House Farm – Stokley property.
- Idea of consolidating committees – problem of membership. EH will talk with Bill Green see if he has any ideas for members. Idea of student member.
- Ideas for Goals for 2012 (no significance in order)
 - Invasive species education – Bob Bittenbender – late Sept time frame
 - Celebrate Arbor Day – through school program? PA will see about getting saplings again.
 - Schedule a walk with the Maine Tree Club late Oct time frame.
 - Update Trail Guide
 - Town Garden – need more support

- See what projects other towns are taking on. Also look into what is happening through Maine Conservation Commissions.
- Look into grants for invasive species
- Increase membership. TG suggested advertising through Shopping Notes, Town Crier and Forecaster.
- **Next meeting February 1st 7:00**