

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: November 22, 2011

To: CTL&CC members: (* = Chair; + = liaison TC) Steve Moriarty + (late)
Penny Asherman Tom Gruber + *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne (late) Ellen Hoffman David Young (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting Nov 16th, 2011

- Minutes from October meeting were approved. Tom suggested adding \$5000.00 amount to annual budget for Town Forest trail maintenance – signage, trail map, trail clean-up.
- ~~Sam will contact Jay B to see if he is available to present the Town Forest management plan to the Town Council Dec 13th.~~ (Already done)
- Penny will look into grants for invasive species. Could use that as a revenue source in lieu of cutting part of forest to combat buckthorn. Penny will contact Jackie Rodgers from Healthy Casco Bay and Sam will contact the Project Canopy folks to see if there are any grants through them for invasive species.
- Vernal Pool update – data from further testing of significant vernal pools in town were submitted to State. Waiting for review. Follow-up after feedback from State - send letters to educate land owners.
- Ideas for Goals for 2012 (no significance in order)
 - Invasive species education – Bob Bittenbender
 - Celebrate Arbor Day – through school program?
 - Schedule a walk with the Maine Tree Club
 - 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 December 7th 7:00**