Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: July 11, 2011

To: CTL&CC members: (* = Chair; + = liaison TC) Steve Moriarty +

Penny Asherman Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne (absent) Paul Weiss (abs) David Young

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting July 6th, 2011

- Minutes from June meeting were approved.
- Most of meeting was spent discussing Maine Trail Finder Project. Bill Shane, Steve Moriarty, Tom Gruber and Joel Alex from Maine Trail Finder were in attendance.
 - According to their website (mainetrailfinder.com): Maine Trail Finder is a free online
 resource for people-powered trails in the state. Search a growing database of four-season
 trails to find the right trail for your next adventure. Browse interactive trail maps, trail
 descriptions, pictures, and trip reports.
 - We are currently only interested in mapping / showcasing the 3 large town properties: Rines, Twin Brooks and the Town Forest. Rines and Twin Brooks are already mapped (digitally) The Town Forest needs to be done. Joel said there is grant money to do this (Presumpscot Watershed grant). Grant money available only through end of August so project needs to be started before end of July.
 - Penny will explore idea of in the future including Land Trust properties.
 - Trails are displayed on top of Google maps. ESRI GIS data.
 - Maine Trail Finders will setup page and let Town preview before it goes live.
 They also maintain page. Can provide links to existing trails on our website (instead of having trail data in 2 places).
 - Info that can be include directions to trail, parking, key facts, fees, pets, other uses allowed, description, other info (links to geocaches), pictures. It is up to the trail manager on how to promote trail. Also a comment section for events and clean-up dates.
 - Committee voted to go forward on project.
 - Tom G will bring before council Monday's meeting.
 - See write-up attachment from Bill Shane.
- Project Canopy Jay did not attend meeting. Plan to have his recommendations for discussion at September meeting. Bill will contact him.
- Planning board projects see summary from Bill Shane attached.
 - Public Hearing: Minor Site Plan Review for Site Preparation Activity off from Gray Road 12-14 acres. Rodney Coleman; partially fill gravel pit; stock pile materials; not use pit; screen, not crush; dumping and loading of trucks. Concerns: 2 lots, second lot closer to groundwater. Proposed build out plan? Parking for a number of vehicles storage or employees? What are hours of operation, truck traffic? Lot definition: size/use? Where vehicles filled? Fuel storage?

- Public Hearing: Major Subdivision Review: Phase I of Village Green Subdivision (Bateman project on Doane Property); 59 lots as allowed in the Contract Zoning Agreement (smaller setbacks, smaller lot size). Issue of open space: should town take ownership or association? 14-16 acres. Connect to Town Forest Trails.
 Problem with maintenance. Area is wet. Recommend trail easement.
- Public Hearing: Minor Site Plan Review for Segment 19 of the Maine Power Reliability Program for construction of new transmission line within existing transmission corridors. Issue of wetlands and vernal pools.
- Next meeting September 7th 7:00