

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: March 17, 2011

To: CTL&CC members: (* = Chair; + = liaison TC) Steve Moriarty +
Penny Asherman (abs) Steve Lawrence (abs) Paul Weiss
Ted Chadbourne Chip LeBlanc *Sam York
Tom Gruber Adam Moody (abs) David Young (abs)
Ellen Hoffman

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting March 3rd, 2011

- Minutes for the January and February meetings were approved. Ted wanted a statement added to the February minutes re: forest management. Steve Moriarty attended meeting.
- TG briefed Shellfish commission on Kennebunk's project "Lawn for Lobsters" – reducing pesticide use.
- Project Canopy - Jan Santerra asked the Town for a greater breakdown on costs. Jay will provide a more detailed list. We need to wait for evaluation, should not take too long.
- TC mentioned concern about Paul's opinion on the Doane property development. He asked to add an agenda item to discuss our opinion for development of Doane Property at our next meeting. Instead discussion ensued around this matter.
- PW reiterated that he felt it was a travesty to develop a huge piece of town land. Town trying to make money and sell off land for profit. He said this leads to more sprawl. He also questioned the real estate market.
- TC – vote against our taking a position on the development matter. Selectmen have determined that we (the town) need this development. Small lots near center of town prevents sprawl.
- CL – Compact good – controlled. Main Street instead of another area. Market driven.
- Tom G – respect Paul's opinion. But is in favor of project especially re: elderly housing and connection of trails. Said he thought we should do a position as a committee. Concerns in a formal way – but not on this project – more general.
- SY – In favor – extension of town center; supported in Comprehensive Plan. One way or the other property will get developed. Provide guidance what we think is right.
- **Goals**

- Trail guide. Get a copy of Yarmouth trails, connect with Falmouth trails.
 - Forestry plan details
 - Vernal pool presentation – 2nd year research. Need to do a final report – recommendations, summary. Talk to Bill – should be a written report or a presentation? Can we get a summary report for Cumberland from state? Give feedback and importance of vernal pools. PW do draft. Report in annual report.
 - TC - Possibly get Sally to write a summary of Town Forest in annual report. Why important to town.
 - Maine tree club – on site education.
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- **Next meeting April 6th 7:30**