

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: January 18, 2011

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting January 5, 2011

- Last meeting's minutes were not discussed.
- Project Canopy – Most of the meeting was spent discussing the 2011 Project Canopy Presumpscot Watershed Assistance Grant application.
 1. Lands Committee has a \$3000 budget. Could we use this for Project Canopy?
 2. PA – suggested re: Doane development proposal – should mention that it is adjacent to the Town Forest. Increase its (Town Forest) significance – having open space next to the Doane property. She also suggested checking the Comprehensive Plan survey to find the percent of people who say they use the Town Forest. One of our goals for the grant should be to increase the use of the Town Forest.
 3. PW – does not agree that the Town Forest needs a management plan. He also thinks our voice (as a committee) should be heard re: the development of the Doane property. We should be on record with an opinion; public has a right to know both sides.
 4. Current status for Project Canopy grant – was tabled at last Town Council meeting. General consensus is that the councilors are in favor of going forward; they want to know cost to town.
 5. Next step is to draft the application and present to Town Council. Need to get on the next meet. Needs to be in the packet by the Friday before the meeting.
 6. Notes (thoughts) from going through application:
 - a. Ask for full amount. If management plan only, what do we want to do and what will they pay for? Forest management plan; educational support – signs and consultant; improve trails.
 - b. PA- mentioned Jennifer West is a wetland scientist and she did the analysis for the Doane property when the Town was looking for school property. We should invite her to the next meeting.
 - c. Basis for education and recreation in Town Forest – improve value to town.

- d. Need letter of support. Possible options – Lions Club; teacher (outing club); Land Trust (PA); Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition (TG). Mail to town C/O Sam
- e. SY will contact Jan Ames Santerre Project Canopy coordinator and ask about wording in document for brief description of project. Should we use as is or modify wording to make it sound different? Also is it good to ask for more than we can use?
- f. SY will talk with Bill Shane about Planning and Educational Grants. Could use money for:
 - Clean-up/removal of old signs
 - Enhance signage (info and trail direction)
 - Reprint trail map
 - Detailed land type maps (contours)
 - Educational consultants – Audubon (Sally)
 - Education and promotional supplies (maps and signs)
 - Formal education (walk with a naturalist). Hold class through recreation department.
 - Soil stabilization – erosion control (DY)
- g. Beginning with Habitat maps – locate significant areas
- h. Update website
- i. Include in title words like: Town Forest Revitalization, community, forestry, education.
- j. 98% of Cumberland in Presumpscot watershed.
- k. 3 forests within town have forest management plans in progress.
- l. Forest improvement – selective cutting, produce revenue
- m. Grant writing training session. See if training is same as them coming to us.

- **Next meeting February 2nd 7:30**