

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: December 30, 2011 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.)
To: CTL&CC members: Tom Gruber + (abs) Bill Shane++ (late)
Penny Asherman Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne Steve Moriarty + David Young (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting Dec 7th, 2011

- Minutes from November meeting were approved. Minor correction – Jay is already aware of Dec 13th presentation.
- Reminder that Sam and Jay B will present the Town Forest management plan to the Town Council Dec 13th; third on agenda.
- Penny grant info to help fight invasive species.
 - Open space institute; supporting grants available. Need to wait until next cycle.
 - Casco Bay Estuary Partnership program
 - Healthy Casco Bay
- Penny contacted Bob Bittenbender – willing to do an educational talk on invasive species
- Town Forest
 - Possibly use volunteer work for sign clean-up.
 - Need an inventory of what needs to be done.
 - Town will do the directional signs.
 - Priority on projects based on funding.
 - Cutting is weather dependent – need cold dry conditions.
- Penny mentioned conference on conservation subdivision (Carla attended). Possible workshop with Town Council and Planning Board. Need to use tools that are available such as Beginning with Habitat maps and vernal pool maps.
- 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 January 4th 7:00**