

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: February 13, 2012 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.)

To: CTL&CC members: Tom Gruber + (abs) Bill Shane++
Penny Asherman (abs) Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne (abs) Steve Moriarty + David Young (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting Feb 1st, 2012

- Minutes from January meeting were not brought up for approval.
- Brian Stearns attended meeting to see if he wanted to join.
- Town Forest
 - Doesn't look like they will be able to cut this year.
 - Bill Shane sent around pictures of signs and their location. It was decided the old school signs of the freedom trail should be removed.
 - The benches are in good shape – the plaques are hard to read.
 - Public Works made some blue blaze directional markers and put on trees. A few more are still needed.
 - The remains of the old bridges should be removed (by Public Works). The newer bridges are all in good shape.
 - Idea of signs explaining invasive species.
 - Ask Sally S. about informational signs.
 - Ask Jay best way to handle tree roots – cut or fill between. Also does it matter if tree live or dead.
 - Bill S and code enforcement officer will walk part of Bateman project soon – inspection of clearing limits. Waiting on other work – this currently isn't top priority. Want to see how snowmobile trail will connect Bateman with Town Forest.
 - What about hunting?
 - Need grant for invasive species. Bill S. walked forest – maybe cutting 40% is a bit aggressive.
- Sat (2-4) meeting in Cape about New England Cottontail 10-12 if anyone can attend.
- March 10th meeting at Town Hall about conservation subdivision 9-noon.
- Ideas for Goals for 2012 (no significance in order)
 - Invasive species education – Bob Bittenbender – late Sept time frame
 - Celebrate Arbor Day – through school program? PA will see about getting saplings again.

- Schedule a walk with the Maine Tree Club late Oct time frame.
- 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 March 7th 7:00**