

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: April 6, 2012 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.)

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting April 4th, 2012

- Minutes from March were approved, though Ted mentioned that he would have been able to attend the very end of the meeting but could not get into the building.
- Town Forest – discussion/clarification around Jay's proposal to cut 40%; talked about health of forest and money to fight invasive species.
- Penny mentioned online survey about the reader's usage of Twin Brooks. There were also a few questions on survey about Rines Forest and the Town Forest.. The survey was in the Town Crier and sponsored by the Cumberland Parks Dept. It was mentioned that had we known that a survey was planned, we could have come up with a few additional questions.
- Penny mentioned Brian Stearns would give a presentation to the Land Trust at the Town Hall April 10th discussing trail corridors in Cumberland. Time 7:15 (after some Land Trust items).
- Blueberry Hill logging – Sam mentioned he got a call from the forester who is involved with the Blueberry Hill project. He invited Sam (and other committee members?) to walk area to explain what will be logged. Penny wondered if area was under the Tree Growth program and if the forest needed to be cut (there are multiple land owners). Also questioned if there was a forest management plan. Logging operation planned for some time mid to late April. Sam will forward time of site walk when available.
- Ideas for Goals for 2012 (no significance in order)
 - Invasive species education – Bob Bittenbender – Sam will try and schedule Bob for Saturday September 15th 12-2 at Town Hall. Think about a gift for doing presentation. Need to advertise. Town supply snacks?
 - Celebrate Arbor Day - TG will see about getting saplings again. Penny will see if 4th/5th grade interested.
 - Schedule a walk with the Maine Tree Club late Oct time frame. Amy Witt replied that September 30th (and Sundays in general) not good. TG will try and schedule the walk for a different date. Need to advertise – also parking across street at Idlewood. Organize snacks.

- Update Trail Guide. Look at Falmouth Trail map instead of redoing guide. (Brian Stearns presentation).
- Town Garden – need more support. PA will speak with Karen Mardyn let her know we are available. Talked about trying to keep produce in town. Last year went to Freeport. Cumberland food pantry does not have refrigeration and only open limited hours. Maybe tie in with Farmer's Market?
- See what projects other towns are taking on. Also look into what is happening through Maine Conservation Commissions.
- Look into grants for invasive species – spring project. Sam will forward info to members that he has received.
- Increase membership. TG has possible candidate.
- **Next meeting May 2nd 7:00**