

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: December 25, 2012 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++
To: CTL&CC members: Tom Gruber + Brian Restuccia (abs)
Penny Asherman Ellen Hoffman *Sam York
Ted Chadbourne (abs) Steve Moriarty + (abs) David Young (abs)

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting December 5th, 2012

- Minutes from November meeting were approved with some clarifications of status on some issues.
- Two potential members: Bill Mullin and Brad Hilton sat in on the meeting.
- Sue Ellen Bardwell and Andrew Faveru from Yarmouth stopped by to give a brief presentation on bike path connectivity between Yarmouth and Cumberland. They talked about the East Coast Greenway (inter town system from Calais Maine to Key West Florida) and US Bike Route 1 (a federally run a national bike system on the road along the eastern seaboard). They wanted to basically raise awareness of a bike network between the towns and the issue of transportation planning. They also mentioned the West Side trail - a multiuse trail that runs from Cousin's Island to North Yarmouth on the west side of town (Yarmouth). Said that there several organizations that are creating trails along the power line corridor – multiuse. TG said that he will discuss with the Rec dept. and see where this issue belongs. Open up a line of communication.
- Mr. Paynter's property on Knight's Pond – at issue is to keep property zoned as resource protected and not revert back to limited residential. Meeting with the neighbors in early December. DEP was at the site to look at the ditch that was dug and is draining the pond.
- Blueberry Hill logging – no activity to date (on hold for now). Rebecca Leland owns west side of Knights Pond and Blueberry Hill. She recently approached the town and Land Trust to see if interested in purchasing. Many parties at the table now. Option on property to purchase – will take several years to raise funds. Trust for Public Land has skill and resources to help with this.
- Brad Hilton trails, connect Blanchard Rd to Greely Rd over two town owned properties. Bill Shane is currently doing an inventory on town owned properties. How do we preserve this trail network?
- Draft aquifer ordinance in the works. Work in progress. There is an ordinance committee which Steve Moriarty chairs until the end of the year.
- Need to make annual request for funding to combat invasive species in Town's open space parcels. Should make request for \$20,000 so Town Council will have in budget by their November meeting. Budget hearing December 10th. TG will see if our request has been put in.

- Invasive species grant search – wait until spring. Need \$\$ for trail maintenance as well.
- New England cottontail – state endangered species. Looking for evidence of NEC north of Portland. Last survey over 5 years ago. Training sessions took place, and volunteers were assigned parcels.
- Remaining projects/goals for 2012:
 - Invasive species education – Bob Bittenbender was unable to do presentation this fall so try and schedule something for April 16-May 16 2013 (both indoors and out). Sam will contact him.
 - Schedule a walk with the Maine Tree Club. TG will contact Amy Witt and try and schedule something for last Sunday in September 2013.
 - Update Trail Guide. Sam will contact Brian Sterns to see status of trail system. No more info about trail to connect Falmouth trail with Rines Forest. Penny mentioned Norcross Foundation had grants to upgrade field equipment. Get GPS units to help map trails.
 - See what projects other towns are taking on. Also look into what is happening through Maine Conservation Commissions. Sam will forward any info he receives. TG spoke with Steve Palmer chair of North Yarmouth Selectmen. Discussed some common issues (invasive species – funding to combat, grants and education, and connection of trails) and possibly work jointly on these issues.
- **Next meeting January 2nd 7:00**