

Cumberland Town Lands and Conservation Commission

Date: February 7, 2016 (* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.) Bill Shane++ (abs)
To: CTL&CC members: Ellen Hoffman (late) *Sam York
Peter Bingham+ Susan Nolde (abs) David Young (abs)
Ted Chadbourne Sally Pierce (abs) Paul Weiss
Tom Gruber + (abs) Mike Schwindt

From: Ellen Hoffman
Re: Meeting February 3, 2016

- The minutes from January were approved as written.
- The Town Council voted 5-2 at their last meeting not to rescind their decision to allow snowmobiles to use the Town Forest trail this year. This issue will be revisited in June.
- Mentioned that our chair (Sam) needs to do annual report.
- Mentioned that Steve Miority is the new chair for the planning board. Sam should let him know that we should be getting any development plans to review.
- Town Council is looking to consolidate some committees (Twin Brooks, Rines, and Town Forest) with the Land's Committee. Ideas discussed:
 - Maybe have each property have a subcommittee.
 - Twin Brooks should be two subcommittees – Greely Rd side and the Tuttle Rd side.
 - Mike mentioned that the way our charter is written, our committee should be responsible for all town owned properties except Val Halla. Peter Bingham will bring issue up with the Ordinance Committee.
 - Question about C&CLT and easements – we should be working together with them (properties such as Knights Pond and Broad Cove); stewardship.
 - Sam suggested that we review our charter and be prepared to discuss next month the issue of governance of town parcels and that the purpose of our charger isn't being followed. Sam will draft a letter stating this to Peter Bingham so issue can get on the agenda.
- Range Way – about 30% of neighboring households responded. High acceptance to improve/expand trail. Issue with Buzz Lamb still unresolved – negotiating boundary issues. Need to walk existing trail with GPS.
- Greely Woods – trails are in great shape (just need signage). Parking? Still waiting on easement issues.
- Importance of connecting trails especially with regards to Circle Trail. Paul W has mapped a lot of the trails in town and where they connect to neighboring towns. He will send us shape files digitally. He noted that some trails are over private property.

- Question of trail from Idlewood and Rines into Falmouth – still unresolved.
- Ted mentioned that Range Rd and Range Way are supposed to be a contiguous town right of way which has been intruded on by houses and/or a driveway. Ted thinks that the Town should extend its influence and this issue should be brought up to the town council in case we later want to build a trail along the right of way.
- Town Forest Remaining issues:
 - Naming/marketing the trails by color. The map at the kiosk will need to be update with new trail names.
 - Move the large unmanaged forest info sign down the trail slightly and to the other side since now as you read the sign, you see stumps from newly cut trees.
 - Tree info signs. Need to identify which trees/plants we want to mark for identification. Will need to figure out format. Project for 2016. Sue suggested she might be interested in fund raising for project. Will the location of the info signs be indicated on the kiosk map? Public Works may also help with signs.
 - Placement of new benches – wait until spring. After installation, Town Council will do some sort of recognition to the Yarmouth Rotary Club.
 - Need to update Maine Trail Finders and other online sites once new trails are named and marked. Also need to update verbiage (EH).
 - Plan another walk in spring?
 - Town to do:
 - Rip-rap needs to be put around culverts
 - Mulch needed on sides of trail
 - Canal needs to be dredged
 - Still some clean-up work needs to be done in cut areas
 - Update map at kiosk – reorient – change color of land fill area.
 - Maybe see if Alpha 1 is interested in giving us feedback for wheelchair or access to limited mobility individuals.
 - What about existing snowmobile trail?
- Grant for invasive plant education, control and eradication. Sue – no update
- Rines Forest – no update
- Vernal pools – no update
- Ideas/ Project 2016 – need to discuss ideas next meeting.
 - Update trail guide (Bill presentation of open spaces)
 - Put digital version in Trails section of website; also want hard copy
 - Need to update – add new trails; remove Chebeague Island trails
 - GPS all trails
 - Update verbiage about trails:

- use, poison ivy, dogs, parking, caches, and comments
 - Town Forest (see above)
 - Tree presentation to 4/5th graders Earth Day – who to contact (school) and to get trees.
 - Education – bats, brown tail moths
 - Other trails
 - Range Way
 - Greely Forest
 - Circle Trail
 - Greely Rd side of Twin Brooks.
 - Conservation development
 - Knights Pond – trails?
 - Rines Forest – trails?
- **Next meeting March 2nd 7pm**