

Cumberland Lands & Conservation Commission

(Oversight Committee)

Date: June 11, 2017

(* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.; ^(T) = trails SC; ^(F) = forest SC)

Bill Shane++ (abs); Tom Gruber +; Peter Bingham+

To: CTL&CC members:

Ellen Hoffman	^(F) Ted Chadbourne	^(T) Rachael Becker McEntee (abs)
Susan Nolde (abs)	^(F) Warren Graumann	^(T) John Jensenius
Mike Schwindt	^(F) Tim Nastro (abs)	^(T) Shawn McBreairty (abs)
*Sam York	^(F) Sally Stockwell	^(T) Paul Weiss
David Young	^(F) Judith Wohl	

Note: Only members of the Oversight Committee are expected to attend.

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting June 7, 2017

- May minutes were approved as written.
- Bill report – no real issues that concern this committee on upcoming projects. Mention of a change in the zoning ordinance overlay district for senior housing – allow for smaller density – concentrate in growth areas; up for approval.
- Trail Subcommittee (Paul)
 - Greely Woods Trail – next council meeting (6/19) the Town Council will authorize the Town Manager to work with the Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust to develop a conservation easement for the properties known as Greely Woods.
 - Greely Woods Trail – Since the town has acquired a conservation easement (or almost), Brad Hilton will dedicate to the Town a conservation easement over a trail on his property to connect to Blanchard Rd from the Greely Woods tTrail. The exact location is still to be determined.
 - Easement on property (Rines Forest) – Still some paperwork issues – Paul needs wording from accessor to give guidance on a dollar value for public easement (\$3000) deduction of value of property. Town gift letter in exchange. Town assumes full liability. Bill discussed with insurance company. Easements will go with property in perpetuity, explicitly stated in easement.
 - First mile of North Yarmouth to Greely Rd Ext finished and marked!
 - Rines Forest - trail building soon. Need to replace planking
 - Cut-through trail from Farwell Ave to Middle School. Ellen passed contact information to Paul who reached out Mary Wright, owner of property where trail crosses. Waiting for a reply.

- Paul distributed for comment first pass of Trail Building Guidelines. Ellen edited and this version was also distributed. Discussion to happen in trail subcommittee meeting.
- Knights Pond – Ellen mentioned abandoned trails – Paul said maps along trail will be updated at some point.
- Paul mentioned that the trails on the Greely Rd side of Twin Brook (Wilderness Trail) are in rough shape. Very difficult to discern the location of the trail. Not sure if this was from winter damage or from harvesting.
- Forest Subcommittee
 - Jeremy Stultz from IFM attended Forest Subcommittee meeting.
 - Discussed the various forest management plans the Town currently has. Need to take a comprehensive approach.
 - Subcommittee will come up with a list of guiding principles; goals for each forest, recognizing different uses for the individual properties.
 - Need to review existing plans and develop a plan for Knights Pond.
 - Need site visit prior to August meeting (time TBD) for Town Forest so everyone is up to speed with vocabulary used in management plans.
 - Also mentioned using timber harvest revenue to help offset tackling invasive species.
 - July presentation by Forest Bell discussing invasive species in the forest, and next steps will be pushed back since no Land's Committee meeting in July. Bill will take care of the organizational piece.
- Oversight committee
 - Town public works relocation still in transit. Moving to the acquired NELMA (Northeastern Lumber Manufacturing Association) property on hold. Abutters of this property are opposed. Sam looking at alternative sites. Landfill needs to be capped and salt shed moved; school bussing and garage should be in same location.
 - Sam explained idea of ad hoc committee to look at properties in town (idea of right of first refusal). Need to be prepared if a property comes on the market. Categories properties for their importance; determine selection parameters such as location/proximity to other properties, vistas, trails, size etc. Committee members: Ted, Paul, John, David, and Sam were selected last month. Sam will set up meeting.
 - Butterfly garden – (Mike and Ellen) First round of garden complete. Need more compost/mulch but need to wait until ground dries out more. Public Works tied to move bench along old trail but it fell apart in transit. Town put gravel in trail leading to bridge at M4 and a temporary fix of plywood over bridge. Gravel will also be put on trail at M3 leading to bridge. Status of shoring up culvert fix over railroad trail? Need to apply for backyard wildlife certification; put up some bird houses and possibly a bat house.
 - Nature Trail – Carol (from garden club), Mike and Ellen walked Nature Trail labeling previously identified flowers. This is ongoing since flowers don't always return to same location each year so can be difficult to locate. Will try

to finalize this list so can concentrate on tree. Garden club is having a walk at some point in June to discuss Nature Trail.

- Bill, Mike and Ellen need to walk the Town Forest again to decide where and what additional signage should be added. Entering the Town Forest in the reverse direction (heading towards the ball fields) or start at the Village Green or use the Storyboard cut-through, it can be confusing where the trail leads. Destination and possibly distances could be displayed in key spots. Need the Cumberland Trail logo at the Village Green entrance. It was suggested using the same type of signage as Knights Pond (basically maps), but this isn't what is needed in the Town Forest. We are looking for a sign with distance to a location, not a map of how the trails intersect. This could be accomplished with two or three well placed distance markers.

- **No meeting in July.**
- **Next meeting August 2nd 7:30 pm**