

## Cumberland Lands & Conservation Commission

(Oversight Committee)

Date: January 6, 2018

(\* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++=Town Mgr.; <sup>(T)</sup> = trails SC; <sup>(F)</sup> = forest SC)

Bill Shane++; Tom Gruber +; Peter Bingham+

To: CTL&CC members:

Ellen Hoffman	<sup>(F)</sup> Ted Chadbourne	<sup>(T)</sup> Rachael Becker McEntee (abs)
Susan Nolde (abs)	<sup>(F)</sup> Denny Gallaudet	<sup>(T)</sup> John Jensenius
*Mike Schwindt	<sup>(F)</sup> Tim Nastro (abs)	<sup>(T)</sup> Shawn McBreairty
Sam York	<sup>(F)</sup> Linda Putman	<sup>(T)</sup> Paul Weiss
David Young	<sup>(F)</sup> Timothy Schneider (abs)	
	<sup>(F)</sup> Sally Stockwell (abs)	
	<sup>(F)</sup> Eli Wilson	

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

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting January 3rd, 2018

- December minutes were approved as written (except for a few typos).
- Elections were held – Sam gave notice that he is stepping down but will remain on committee for several months. Mike Schwindt - chair; Ellen – secretary; vice chair undecided.
- Ocean View Cumberland developers met with trails subcommittee prior to oversite meeting to discuss trails on property and connection to other trails. Issue may be rerouting the snowmobile trail. Trails subcommittee will present recommendation to planning board.
- Bill report:
  - PB (Jan 16):
    - Site plan review and preliminary major subdivision review for Ocean View at Cumberland (49 dwelling units and 1 community building). Couple of loose ends still need to be dealt with (Alan property; road issues).
  - Town Council (1-8)
    - To hear report from Forestry Subcommittee on tree cutting recommendation at Twin Brook.
    - Public hearing to consider and act on a Joint Development agreement with Developers Collaborative (NELMA-Harwood property). Tabled.
    - Authorize the Town Manager to execute an easement deed for Ocean View at Cumberland for property (less than 1 acre) located on the Val Halla Golf Course.
  - Future:

- Sketch plan review – phase 4 – Amanda’s Way. Issue with Cumberland Meadows and abutters. Contract Zone agreement.
  - Conservation subdivision – waiting on language how to fit into existing ordinances. How best to apply: growth areas or town-wide.
- Trail Subcommittee – (John and Paul)
  - Subcommittee met with developers of Ocean View property (off Tuttle Rd) to discuss trails around the development and connecting to other trails prior to the oversite committee meeting.
  - Cut-through trail from Farwell Ave → Middle School/High School – no update in dialog with property owner after initial contact.
  - Cross Cumberland Trail – Connection from Blanchard Rd → Blueberry Hill. Issue with property owner (Don Lee), does not want his property “promoted”. Look at other options.
  - Hall property (Range Rd → Idlewood/Rines Forest). Documents, survey, and legal paperwork all done. No update.
  - Blanchard Rd → Rines Forest. New trails and bridges. Trail cleanup, work with Land Trust.
  - Web page for Town trails (similar to Falmouth) – no update
  - Trail stewards – no update
  - Need to coordinate trail markers and signage with Penny and the Land Trust (use aluminum nails). Need to also establish rules when trails should be closed due to potential damage – overuse or unfavorable conditions. – No update.
- Forest Subcommittee (Denny)
  - Subcommittee working on getting consistent forest management plans for the four large parcels (over 600 acres): Town Forest, Twin Brooks, Rines and Knights Pond.
  - Recommended cutting of Twin Brooks – this will be brought before the Town Council in January.
  - Drafted and adapted guiding principles for forestry management. To be present to Town Council for review in January.
  - Discussed Knights Pond activities. Multiple entities (two land trusts with easements, two towns and state) involved. All would need to agree before anything can be done. No immediate work needed. Move forward with tree inventory, develop knowledge base. IFM will do inventory.
- Oversite committee

- Sam - ad hoc committee to discuss properties in town that are worth acquiring. – no update
- Town operations/town garage relocation – no update.
- Butterfly garden (Mike and Ellen) – no update: on hold until spring.
- Town Forest
  - Nature Trail – (Mike and Ellen) No update from Sue regarding funding for markers. Judy has corrected trail points in the GIS database. Need to address missing plant ID markers in spring as well as decide on final plants and signage. Waiting on replacement numbered tags.
  - Still need additional location signs (arrows with destinations and distances) such as: entering the Town Forest in the reverse direction (heading towards the ball fields), or starting at the Village Green, or use the Storyboard cut-through. Bill will have temporary signs placed and we will give him feedback. Also need the Cumberland Trail logo at the Village Green entrance.
  - To Do: Need to update information on website – with latest map (after corrected); print some out for public; update Maine Trail Finders.
- Joint CLCC and CCLT – quarterly meeting – February (Sam and Penny A). Need to define what to discuss to avoid conflicts. TBD.

- **Next meeting February 7th 7:30 pm**