

TOWN LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Commission)
Town of Cumberland
290 Tuttle Road
Cumberland, ME 04021

Date: April 5, 2019

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To: Members:

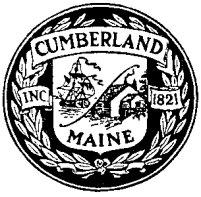
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Note: Only members of the Commission and voting members of the subcommittees need attend. “✓” indicates subcommittee member attended Commission meeting.

From: Ellen Hoffman

Re: Meeting April 3, 2019

- March minutes were approved as written.
- Commission (Mike)
 - Bill report:
 - Planning Board (April 16th)
 - Public Hearing: Sketch Plan Review for Phase 2 Cumberland Crossing (OceanView at Cumberland). Safety issues (police and fire) long dead end road. Having a paved and gated road from Greely Rd to Tuttle to provide alternate access had been discussed. Also a land dispute, deed restriction, civil matter.
 - Public Hearing: Amendment to an approved Site Plan for Friends School, addition and expansion of on-site parking. Wetlands in area.
 - Christmas Creek – support for easement, can’t deed area to Town – would affect density calculation for lots. Question if easement only trail or rest of open space. Connection of trail to the Wilderness trail of Twin Brooks.
 - Greely Woods, conservation easement being review by Town attorney. Should go to Land Trust end of month for approval.



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- The following is a recap of the list of projects the Commission plans to work on this year:
 - Ellen - Town Forest/Butterfly garden, Operation Pollinator, Nature trail, Online trail info
 - Sam – Invasive plants, Land Identification
 - Dave - Land Identification, Open Space Plan update, Land survey
 - Jennifer - Open Space Plan update
 - Jenn - Grants, Planning Board liaison
 - John - Land Identification, Trails, Planning Board liaison, CCLT liaison
 - Steve - Open Space Plan update, Education, Online Trail info
 - Mike - Town Forest/Butterfly garden, Land Identification, Operation Pollinator, Nature trail, Open Space Plan update, Greely Management Plan
- Mike will schedule a work shop with the commission and the Town Council to make sure we are doing what the Town Council thinks we should be doing (are we on the right track?) in light of the changed ordinance for the Lands Committee. Try and schedule for May 13th or June 10th if the council is interested.
- Greely Woods Easement (to be used as an easement template) – members of the Commission, Town Council, and Land Trust met to hammer out issues on wording in document raised after draft of easement was reviewed.
- Town Forest Trails and Nature Trail (Mike and Ellen):
 - Brush and scrub obscuring the area in front of the vernal pool was cut back.
- BFG – (Mike and Ellen): No update
- Val Halla – (Mike and Ellen): No update
- Land Identification (Dave) – Matrix for determining property value was updated. Ongoing.
- Invasive plant species (Sam):
 - Senior project Emma Fitzpatrick – knotweed research – attempt to determine good and detrimental growing conditions. She will put together a presentation and present to Town Council Monday evening (8th).
 - Sam mentioned there should be another joint meeting with Yarmouth and Falmouth to discuss a comprehensive approach to invasive species management.
 - Bill mentioned spraying for brown tail moth will only last for a week. Want to spray where most impactful. Spraying usually second week in May.
 - Bill questioned whether we want to do a test plot for treating invasive plants, sometime after Labor Day. Need to book the guy now if we are interested. Should we use the Brontosaurus in the Town Forest instead? Where the Brontosaurus was used last year, has started growing back. Sam will put together a plan – perhaps use both methods.
- Forest and Natural Resources Subcommittee (Denny)
 - Spent meeting discussing harvesting and use of biomass – where do clippings go? Should they be cleared out or let slash rot in place? What are the guiding principles?



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- Twin Brook – Parks foreman inquiring about inspection of Twin Brooks near the trails – subcommittee report back to Council and take needed action. Due to weather conditions, Jeff Storey (current lessee of Spring Brook Farm) has been unable to inspect or harvest the forest in the past two years. Town needs to be more aggressive on inspections.
- Trails Subcommittee (John)
 - Snowmobile bridges near Rt. 100 need work. Shawn talk to Town to see if any grant money.
 - Eric, of the Land Trust, was at the Trails Subcommittee meeting. Discuss items of mutual interest:
 - Rines Forest (28th) work on bog bridges
 - Signs for trails
 - Cumberland Crossing Phase I – trails a priority, selling feature. Unsure about trails for Phase II.
 - Christmas Creek – easement – pedestrian access. Not sure if easement is entire area of open space or just trail.
 - Greely Woods
 - Land Trust working on baseline document
 - Working on trail easement document
 - Working on replacing log bridge with lumber.
 - May potential action by LCC, Town Council to vote on easement.
 - Newell Ridge – homeowner association owns open space. Looking into easements – working with state on conservation easements because of deer wintering area. 10 ft. wide trail easement. At this point do nothing – trail ends on private property and portions of trail are hard to find. Also noted a lot of coyotes are in the deer wintering area.
- New Business
 - May 6 orientation for new residents. John requested a spot with the Land Trust for trail information.
 - Zoning presentation next month (May) with Carla.
 - Kiosks have not been finished. Waiting on one for the Drowne Rd side of the Town Forest.
- Next meeting May 1st, 7:30 pm