



TOWN LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Commission)

Town of Cumberland

290 Tuttle Road

Cumberland, ME 04021

Date: May 5, 2019

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

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

To: Members:

Jenn Grasso (abs)

^(F) Ted Chadbourne

^(F) Timothy Schneider

^(T) Rachael Becker McEntee

Ellen Hoffman

^(F) Melissa Cott

^(F) *Sally Stockwell ✓

^(T) Stephen Fitzgerald

John Jensenius ^{vice*} (abs)

^(F) Denny Gallaudet

^(T) Peter Garsoe ✓

Steven Knowles (abs)

^(F) Rhonda Grigg

^(T) *John Jensenius

*Mike Schwindt

^(F) Gordon Lichter

^(T) Matthew Leclair

Jennifer Taylor (abs)

^(F) Linda Putnam

^(T) Shawn McBairty

David Young

^(T) Don Stowell ✓

Sam York

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 May 1, 2019

- April minutes were approved as written.
- Also in attendance: Penny Asherman (Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust), Ann Sawchuck (resident Sunnyfield Lane), and Carla Nixon (Cumberland Town Planner).
- Ann Sawchuck spoke on behalf of the Sunnyfield Lane Home Owners Association’s (HOA) request to install a garden on the Town owned property in front of their development. Sally moved the LCC recommend the Town Council approve the Sunnyfield Lane HOA’s request to install a small native garden on the Town owned land along Blanchard Rd. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commission (Mike)
 - Bill report:
 - Planning Board (May 21st) – nothing new
 - Public Hearing: Amendment to approved Site Plan for Friends School – addition and other minor changes.
 - Public Hearing: Final Review for Christmas Creek 20 lot Major Subdivision.
 - Recommendation to TC on proposed amendments to the Contract Zone Agreement for Cumberland Fireside Village.
- Presentation by Carla Nixon on Cumberland’s planning review processes (handout distributed). Discussed:
 - Zoning ordinance and districts – designations and acreage
 - Overlay districts



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- Subdivision and site plan ordinances
 - Design and review process
 - Post approval process
- Foreside Garden Club (Mike) – Gift of \$1000 for benches, bird and bat houses for the BFG area of the Town Forest. Motion made by Sam to recommend the Town Council accept the offer of the Foreside Garden club for about \$1,000 to be used for benches, bird and bat houses at the Butterfly Garden and in the Town Forest. Unanimously approved. Also discussed was an offer to serve as a conduit for a bench – similar to the benches in the Town Forest - donated by CCLT to be placed at Knights Pond.
- Greely Woods Easement (Penny) – Revised version modified by the Land Trust. Greely Woods about 38 acres. Real estate transfer. Town own property, land trust hold and enforces – similar to Rines Forest arrangement. Land Trust monitors properties once a year to make sure in compliance with easement. To easement, added potential parking area – no location set. Placement of a porta potty mentioned.
 - Sally questioned need to light parking area; suggested seek professional forester or other expert before any tree or vegetation cutting – system of checks and balances; should be no storage of chemicals on property and use of chemicals should be discouraged. Type of hunting and trapping not on designated trails.
 - Peter G expressed his concern of development of property – more like a park than a forest. Said we are transforming, not conserving.
 - Bill mentioned that the contract very restrictive, allows for passive uses only. Basically protecting ourselves from ourselves.
 - Penny mentioned that there are “Forever Wild” easements for habitat protection.
 - Sally made motion (written by Mike) that the LCC recommend the Town Council approve the Greely Woods Easement (version 4-29-19) with the suggested corrections Sally mentioned above. Seconded; unanimously approved.
- Open Space survey (Dave) – mentioned if we take any action on this, should be done while school is still in session to get maximum responses. Survey still needs to be edited. Do we still want to go forward on this? Purpose of survey is to find out if the public want to reduce the number of building permits. Also find out if residents are interested in buying more land. Sally mentioned that this approach could backfire. Maybe should incorporate survey in Open Space plan (similar to what was done in previous Open Space plan)?
- Workshop with Town Council – to make sure we are on the right track as far as doing what the council expects this committee to be involved in. Suggested to wait until after June 3rd so that the new council members are seated.
- Forest and Natural Resources Subcommittee – no subcommittee meeting.
- Trails Subcommittee (Don) Handout:

1. Oceanview/Cumberland Crossing Development - Phase 1



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The snowmobile trail has been cut on Oceanview property and between streams on the Crossing Brook property. As of last week, no work had been done on the stream areas, the bridges, or the connection from the one stream to the trail on Crossing Brook property.

2. Oceanview/Cumberland Crossing Development - Phase 2

Oceanview presented a Sketch Review (for the second time) to the Planning Board at their April meeting. The discussion centered around the location, width, and composition of the road. It's still too early in the process to discuss possible trails.

3. Rines Forest

The CCLT organized two work days for trails and bridges in Rines Forest. Steve and John participated in the work day this past Sunday. Another work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, starting at 1 pm. Meet at the trailhead on Range Road if you can make it.

4. Broad Cove Reserve

Steve participated in a CCLT site walk of a possible trail on private property that would connect to Broad Cove Reserve. A several-day effort (organized by CCLT) will eventually be needed to establish this trail.

5. Christmas Creek Development

Nothing to report

6. Greely Woods

Work continued on the conservation easement to be held by CCLT. The **Greely Woods** sign has been made and is ready to be posted. Once the Conservation Easement is agreed upon by the Town and CCLT, John will contact the private landowners concerning the two public easements across their properties. Bridge building materials are in place.

7. Roadside Trail Signs

The Town has had 10 trail entrance signs made. These will be used to mark roadside entrances to marked trails (with landowner permission).

- New Business - no new business discussed
- Next meeting June 5th, 7:30 pm