



TOWN LANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Commission)

Town of Cumberland

290 Tuttle Road

Cumberland, ME 04021

Date: February 6, 2020

(* = Chair; + = liaison TC; ++ = Code enforcement officer; ^(T) = trails SC; ^(F) = forest SC)

Bill Longley ++ (abs) ; Tom Gruber + (abs) ; George Turner + (abs)

To: Members:

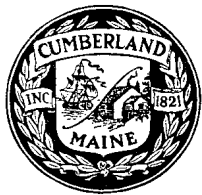
Jenn Grasso (abs)	^(F) Ted Chadbourne	^(F) Timothy Schneider	^(T) Rachael Becker McEntee
Ellen Hoffman	^(F) Melissa Cott	^(F) *Sally Stockwell ✓	^(T) Stephen Fitzgerald
John Jensenius vice*	^(F) Denny Gallaudet ✓		^(T) Peter Garsoe
Steven Knowles	^(F) Rhonda Grigg		^(T) *John Jensenius ✓
*Mike Schwindt	^(F) Gordon Lichter ✓		^(T) Matthew Leclair
Jennifer Taylor (abs)	^(F) Linda Putnam ✓		^(T) Shawn McBairty
David Young			^(T) Don Stowell ✓
Sam York (abs)			

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 February 5, 2020

- January minutes were approved as written.
- Chris Cabot, Executive Director of Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust was in attendance.
- Commission (Mike)
 - Bill report (from handout – Bill L not in attendance):
 - OceanView Phase I (Tuttle Rd) under construction (13 permits have been issued). Amendment to delete community building and add lot 53 was approved in January PB.
 - OceanView Phase II (Greely Rd) – Preliminary Major Subdivision Review – 52 dwelling units plus one community building tabled until March or April.
 - Christmas Creek – under construction; one building permit issued for lot 20, 10 lots sold. Home for lot 20 was not sited within the building envelope and needs to be relocated to meet setbacks along west boundary.
 - Orchard Rd subdivision – under construction; no permits issued yet.
 - Town sand, salt and compost facility - under construction, completion pushed back until spring 2020.
 - Cumberland Historic Society building – move to the Prince Memorial Library parcel - placement delayed until spring (April?).



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- Planning Board agenda for February 18th
 - Public Hearing for a boundary adjustment at 67 Wild Apple Lane (off Rt. 9)
 - Public Hearing for 174 Main St gas station /store to car sales/service - project before Planning Board for site plan review. Denny reviewed plans – nothing noteworthy except question which property is snowmobile trail on.
 - Public Hearing Jordan Farms subdivision amendment at 98 Chet's Way to allow public water line through wetlands as approved by Army Corps and DEP.
 - Public Hearing for an amendment to Christmas Creek entrance design revision off Tuttle Road.
- Other items (Mike):
 - Broad Cove Reserve (Denny) – issue of tree removal at shoreline.
 - Ellen questioned when the Town Forest trails are groomed. Only the section open to snowmobilers were groomed last month.
 - Linda questioned tree “work” done end of Greely Rd near Middle Road. Looks like someone haphazardly cut branches facing road.
 - Twin Brook (Greely Rd) – sale of 27 acres to Jeff Storey postponed until 1st week in March. Jeff is currently leasing Fowler property (40 year lease), adjacent to this parcel. The Town owns the 27 acres, selling to Jeff through the Maine Farmland Trust. Jeff is giving a conservation easement on the property. A small portion is allowed for farm structures. He can sell property subject to easement but can't build a home on it. Transfer of management of easement to CCLT. Mike mentioned that he has not seen the transfer to CCLT document; Chris will provide him a copy. John made motion to endorse the sale, Denny seconded, unanimously approved.
 - Range Way land lease for microwave tower – tabled for now.
- Trails Subcommittee (John):
 - The East Conference Room will become unavailable beginning in March. Day/time/location of future meetings to be determined.
 - The Trails subcommittee is continuing to work with the property owners adjacent to Greely Woods to obtain additional easements to allow access from other neighborhoods. An easement for a 20 foot - wide corridor across a portion of Pandolfo property, 25 Crystal Lane, as approved by the Town Council at Jan 13 meeting, is awaiting signatures.
 - John will be meeting with the OceanView management to discuss Phase 2 trails and delays in the development of Phase 1 recreational trails in the Cumberland Crossing development.



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- John displayed potential sign to use to indicate trail property boundary – from Town owned to private. Sally mentioned that there other signs currently in Rines. Ellen concerned that the picture on the sign is different (compared to the Town Forest sign, the trail hiker sign, the CT sign), there should be some consistency. John made motion to adopt and to work with the Town to post these signs when leaving Town property onto private property. Sally seconded. Passed unanimously.



- Mentioned that there is a new trail by Knights Pond. Currently flagged and marked as the Black Trail. No one at meeting was aware of the trail. Chris (from CCLT) will be meeting with Alan Stearns of Royal River Land Trust and will discuss issue him.
- Farwell Ave – John has been in communication with Mary Wright, land owner of the Farwell Ave property, where Town is seeking an easement across property. The easement would connect the Farwell, Balsam and Hedgerow avenue neighborhoods to the middle and high schools. A meeting will be set up between interested parties sometime in the next few weeks.
- Forest and Natural Resources Subcommittee (Sally)
 - Harvest Twin Brook (Greely Rd) – Paul L (forester) met with Jeff Storey to make sure that the adapted guidance principals were met. At this point the ground too wet to harvest. Not all of the marked trees will be cut, especially those by stream. Also the slash will be left in place instead of chipped.
 - Update Rines Management Plan- currently pulling all pieces together. Need to include the recently acquired 52 acres (November 2019). Draft will be circulated before next meeting. The management plan needs to be filed by mid to late March.
 - Knights Pond – scheduled walk March 7, 9-12 with new forester. Chance for forester to familiarize himself with property. Also do a timber cruise – assessing status of forest. Next step forest management plan. Look to Project Canopy for funding. Grant deadline March 6 requires webinar Feb 12. Denny will attend webinar and write application.
 - Landowner open house. Change requirements to target property owners having > 10 acres. Similar to last year's open house – discuss forest management, what the Town is doing, what the landowner can do. Provide information on invasive species, trails, CCLT, climate action and any other important topics. Potential date: mid to late March, hold at fire house. Televised?
- Climate Action Plan (Denny): After subcommittee was formed by the LCC, the subcommittee had initial meeting. First year – target government (Town and schools), second year look at residential and business regarding carbon footprint. Hand out showing carbon usage in FY 2019 for diesel, gasoline, natural gas and electricity by the Town and schools. Illustrates where major usage is and where things can be improved. Most of the Town's usage comes from the vehicles (police and public works). Shows need higher mileage vehicles. Schools heavy on electricity and natural gas usage. The Town now has the solar array. Would need 10 acres for a solar array farm for the schools. School roof isn't large



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enough for the needed amount of panels. Electric school busses in future. Need to work in tandem with carbon sequestration and our forests. Doesn't make sense to put cut down a forest to put up solar panels.

- Invasive species (Mike) - What is the best approach? Need to look at a variety of ways to tackle invasive plants. Mike mentioned all the invasive plants right next to the Town Hall and plan to inventory. Discuss March meeting.
- John mentioned need to discuss with Carla OceanView 2 – stand of large trees that are in the same location as building lot. Is there a requirement to identify all trees over a certain diameter? Should these trees be preserved? Is this something this committee should look at – put in an ordinance? Is there a requirement in the Conservation Subdivision ordinance?
- Next meeting March 4, 2020, 7:30. Location to be determined.