

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 11, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Stinson, Amanda Bunker, Reg Elwell, Amanda Mahaffey, John Kanwit, and David Kilgour

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Breinich

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at Brunswick Station, Suite 202. Chair, Kurt Stinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: November 9, 2011

MOTION BY KURT STINSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2011. SECONDED BY DAVID KILGOUR, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Conservation Commission Activities

Brunswick Landing

- To tentatively schedule update jointly with Recreation Commission

Per Anna Breinich, possible meeting in February. More information forthcoming via email.

- RTOS Management Plan Stakeholders Advisory Group Update (Kurt/Anna)

Kurt Stinson stated that the ROTS Management Plan Stakeholder meetings will be the third Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:30 at Hawthorne School.

- Appointment of second Commission member

Kurt Stinson stated that they need a second representative for this stakeholder group; time commitment is roughly 2 plus meetings per month. Amanda Bunker volunteered to be the second point person and will keep members up to date if she cannot attend a meeting.

Natural Resource Stewardship

- Update on easement monitoring – Jeff

Kurt Stinson reviewed the letter provided by the Codes Enforcement Officer, Jeff Hutchinson.

Natural Resource Inventory and Planning

- Town-owned open space inventory and assessment update (Amanda M/Amanda B)

Amanda Bunker stated that she is waiting for the maps to be emailed.

- Upcoming joint Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission meeting (Anna/Kurt)

Kurt Stinson stated that when this meeting is scheduled, they will be talking about:

1. Brunswick Landing
2. Open Space Inventory (specifically the parts that impact the Commission). Plans to continue to conduct surveys on the town owned open space areas that have not been completed (contain some Parks and Recreation areas which may have conservation value)
3. River to the Bay.

Development Review

- No updates

Public Education

- No updates
- Amanda Bunker gave a summary of the meeting with the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership; they spoke primarily about getting the conservation signs up at the wetlands restoration site and working mostly with Steve Walker from IF&W. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for March 1, 2012.

3. Other Business

- Amanda Mahaffey spoke about timber harvesting in the Durham Road area. She stated that there are town owned forested resources in this area; Kennedy lot and Center lot. She suggested that this would be an item to discuss further as these areas have not been harvested for over 30 years.
- 2012 Commission Priorities discussion
 - ◆ Continued cleanup of signage and work with the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership
 - ◆ Continued work on adding and enhancing signage for natural resources
 - ◆ Continue to expand outreach to neighboring towns and committees
 - ◆ Brunswick Topsham Land Trust: Appropriate transfer of land trust to BTLT and criteria for conservation measures and easement measures for future owners
 - ◆ Recreation Commission, continue to work with
 - ◆ Public Benefit Conveyance of 66 acre site from Brunswick Landing; IF&W bird survey, MOA with Bowdoin college and continue working with stakeholder group
 - ◆ Regional trails alliance
 - ◆ 2002 Open Space continue work and present to Town Council
 - ◆ Better web page and content

- ◆ E-newsletter, flyers
 - ◆ Town Council and Annual Report
 - ◆ River to the Bay 10th year anniversary
 - ◆ Meeting rules and email rules by Town Attorney (scheduled for spring)
 - ◆ Lead or assist in public cleanup activity
 - ◆ Take part in regional cleanup efforts
 - ◆ Invigorating the Land for Brunswick future efforts (per Anna there is no funding at this time and is inactive)
 - ◆ Discuss project needs and ideas for Bowdoin College Fellow for summer 2012
 - ◆ Participate in monitoring and easements
- Next meeting January 25th (Kurt)

4. Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary