

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 13, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Kurt Stinson, Amanda Bunker, Jason Coombs (left at 5:06pm), Reg Elwell, and John Kanwit

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Breinich, Jeff Hutchinson (arrived at 5:06pm)

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at Brunswick Station, Suite 202. Chairman Kurt Stinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: May 9, 2012

**MOTION BY JOHN KANWIT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2012.
SECONDED BY REG ELWELL, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Conservation Commission Activities

- Brunswick Landing
 - RTOS Management Plan Stakeholders Advisory Group Update (Kurt Stinson/Anna Breinich): Kurt Stinson stated that at the last meeting in May, the group talked mainly about trails and noted that there is an effort to decide if there is going to be a trails system that will go around the entire property; this includes more than just the conveyance area. Kurt stated that some of the spaces in the northwest corner may be conveyed earlier; as they come through they will be added to the management plan. Anna Breinich introduced the Bowdoin Fellow, Connor Handy, to the Commission. Anna stated that Connor will be assisting the stakeholder group extensively in particular the trail layout group. Kurt stated that in reference to outreach, the Conservation Commission will have some involvement and there will be discussion at forthcoming meetings. The next recreational trails subcommittee meeting is Thursday, June 21, 2012.
 - Conveyance update (Denise): Postponed to next business meeting.
 - 66 acre site walk with Recreation Commission: Wednesday, June 20th at 5:00pm-please see email for directions.
- **Development Review**
 - 3-lot subdivision of Lot 1, Crestview Estates, in Rural Brunswick Smart Growth Overlay (Kris Hultgren): Kris Hultgren stated that the Conservation Commission has been asked to look over this subdivision as it is in a rural area and because of the open space component as well as the Rural Brunswick Smart Growth (RBSG) Overlay District. Kris reviewed the Crestview subdivision and noted that the Commission currently monitors some of the easements in Crestview. The lot to be split is 7.39

acres, Map 27 Lot 27, and is proposed to be split into 3 (three) lots; Kris reviewed the Open Space and density allowance for this proposal. Kris reviewed the RBSG Blocks and the RBSG Corridor calculations as well as the areas proposed to be disturbed. Kris stated that at the Planning Board meeting set for Tuesday, July 10, 2012, Planning staff will be recommending that the Sketch Plan be approved as it meets the density requirements for rural space as well as the RBSG Overlay District with the calculations the applicant has provided based on the disturbed area and the land set aside. Anna Breinich referenced the exempt activities which include forest management and activities.

MOTION BY JOHN KANWIT THAT THE PLANNING BOARD FIND THIS PLAN ACCEPTABLE. SECONDED BY AMANDA BUNKER, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Natural Resource Stewardship**
 - Review and Approve of Easement Monitoring Reports (Jeff Hutchinson)
 - Two Echo: Kurt Stinson stated that this report was handed out at the previous meeting of May 9th and stated that Jeff Hutchinson has noted that this was a model easement.

MOTION BY REG ELWELL TO APPROVE THE TWO ECHO EASEMENT MONITORING REPORT. SECONDED BY AMANDA BUNKER, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Natural Resource Inventory and Planning** (*to be discussed in workshop*)
 - Schedule Town-owned open space survey plans for Parks & Recreation properties (Amanda Mahaffey)
 - 2002 From the River to the Bay, 10 years later (Kurt Stinson)
 - Distribute updated action items
- **Public Education**
 - Brief on IF&W grant for Adams Road signage (Anna Breinich): Anna Breinich referenced a paragraph description titled Northern Bay and Casco Bay Interpretative Signage Program in the materials provided to the Commission and stated that this was awarded funding to IF&W in the past month. She reviewed what is currently being proposed and stated that this is just the beginning; as it moves forward, there will be review and comment by the Commission members.
- **Subcommittee Updates**

- **Outreach:** Reg Elwell asked about medallions; Anna Breinich stated that they will be ordered shortly. Reg stated that the next step will be to decide what trails need to be marked. Anna discussed the difference in the two medallions that the Commission uses. Amanda Bunker stated that she had met with Angela Twitchel from Brunswick Topsham Land Trust and will be attending the BTLT meetings to keep communication open.
- **Signage:** Please see Public Education.
- **Public Relations:** No update at this time.

3. Other Business

- 2011 Commission Annual Report on Accomplishments (Amanda Bunker/Kurt Stinson): Kurt Stinson and Amanda Bunker reviewed the 2011 Commission Annual Report on Accomplishments handout.

MOTION BY JOHN KANWIT TO APPROVE THE 2011 COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS. SECONDED BY AMANDA BUNKER, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Next business meeting July 11, 2012
- Member of the public asked the status of the Open Space Report; Anna Breinich reviewed the process and what still needs to be accomplished. Reg Elwell stated that this report needs to be completed and suggested establishing a date for completion or submitting the document as is. It was decided that Commission members would assist with completion and Anna would follow-up with Steve Walker.

4. Adjourn into workshop (Natural Resource Inventory and Planning)

The meeting portion was adjourned at 5:32.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary