

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 8, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Kurt Stinson, Jason Coombs, John Kanwit, David Kilgour and Amanda Mahaffey

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Breinich

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at Brunswick Station, Suite 202. Chairman Kurt Stinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2012
Postponed to next business meeting.

2. Conservation Commission Activities

a) Brunswick Landing

- RTOS Management Plan Stakeholders Advisory Group update (Anna/Kurt): Kurt Stinson stated that the conveyances are expected sometime before the end of the year and the order in which the parcels come in are variable. The next phase is public outreach and the town will be sending out notices to abutters to inform them of what is occurring; a stakeholder and public meeting to be scheduled. Kurt stated that the trail group has continued to work on the land being conveyed but also a loop/perimeter trail. Anna Breinich replied that a meeting with the perimeter landowners has been set up with the Navy, MRRRA, Bowdoin College and the Town to work out where the trail is being proposed at this time. She stated that they are attempting to schedule the public meeting/abutters meeting that Kurt spoke about sometime towards the end of September. Amanda Mahaffey asked if the perimeter was outside the fence or inside and Anna replied that it is inside the fence or in some cases there is no fence.

- 66 acre site parcel (Anna): Anna Breinich stated that Tom Farrell of Brunswick Parks and Recreation and Steve Walker from IF&W will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the 66 acre site hopefully within the next week.

b) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning

- Discussion of which properties should be the group's focus (Anna): Kurt Stinson stated that the Commission conducted their first site walk on July 25, 2012 and walked Coffin Pond, Map 16, Lot 4B. Kurt stated that he would like to continue to focus on parcels along the Androscoggin River as an application was recently submitted for the Androscoggin River Corridor; he would like to set the next site visit on August 22, 2012 at Map 1, Lot 1, the Pejepscot Dam Recreation Area along the river per maps provided by Kris Hultgren at the July 11th meeting. Anna Breinich stated

that the Androscoggin River Corridor application was for the connection between Bath and the bike route going through Brunswick, West Brunswick and Bath. Anna also stated that in reference to the Coombs property it probably wouldn't be until next year as financials are still being worked out. Amanda Mahaffey suggested conducting a site visit at Map 16 Lot 4-A adjacent to Coffin Pond in September.

Amanda Mahaffey briefly reviewed the findings at the site visit of July 25th at Coffin Pond. She stated that there are some invasive species and pine forest. She stated that some areas are more hampered by invasive species; it would be good to keep an eye on the invasive species. She stated that there are recreational trail use and opportunities to develop this more. Kurt replied that there would need to be some work on the trails to go over the different streams but agreed that it is a nice property and a good opportunity to connect with other properties along the river.

c) Subcommittee Updates

- Statewide clean-up day (Kurt/Anna): Kurt Stinson stated that the outreach group is working on a clean-up day and are aiming to schedule this during the Landowner Appreciation Day, September 15th. Amanda Mahaffey replied that this would be a good opportunity to bring attention to and appreciation to landowners for spaces that are used for recreation. Anna Breinich stated that with town owned property or any sponsored event by the town, there would need to be paperwork; she added that there are other events already scheduled for this day in town. It was decided that the outreach committee would continue to work on the logistics.

3. Other Business

a) Next meeting – September 12, 2012

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary