

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 9, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Bunker, Jason Coombs, Reg Elwell, David Kilgour, and Amanda Mahaffey

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Breinich, Jeremy Doxsee, Jeff Hutchinson

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at Brunswick Station, Suite 202. Vice Chair Amanda Mahaffey called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2012

MOTION BY AMANDA BUNKER TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2012. SECONDED BY JASON COOMBS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Easement Monitoring Report (Jeff Hutchinson)

Otter Trace Conservation Easement: Jeff Hutchinson referred to his site visit of Otter Trace Conservation Easement on November 29, 2012 and stated that this is the second inspection of an easement approximately 128 acres in size. Jeff noted that the base line inspection was conducted on three separate dates; August and October 2008 and November 2009. Jeff noted that the original report focused on the perimeter with the recommendation that the next inspection emphasize the interior portion. Jeff indicated that the property is nice, mostly upland with a mixture of overgrown deciduous and conifer trees with little undergrowth. He noted that there are deer signs and pointed out that there is a small deer wintering area located on this parcel. Jeff located a few trails, possibly old logging trails. Jeff stated that the rear part of the property had been timber harvested five to ten years ago; no evidence that they traversed the property. Jeff noted that there were a good amount of medallions along the property line that he did travel. Jeff said that there is a stone monument located on the upper portion of the property with the markings of BR 1838; will research further.

Amanda Mahaffey asked Jeff if he noticed a lot of invasive plants; Jeff replied that he did not see them on this property. Jason asked the location of the fencing remnants; Jeff referred him to photo #1 in the easement monitoring report pointing out stone wall remnants. Jeff stated that in the rear part of the property he saw remnants of barbed wire and noted that all the corners have newer property pins; well-marked and photos taken. Amanda asked how much time it took to monitor this property; Jeff replied that it took five hours. Amanda Bunker asked if Jeff noticed any encroachment along the subdivision side; Jeff replied that only two of the fourteen lots have been developed and are well off the easement.

MOTION BY REG ELWELL TO APPROVE THE OTTER TRACE CONSERVATION EASEMENT REPORT AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY JASON COOMBS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Review and Comment on 2012 Annual Report

Amanda Bunker noted that she believes there is one site visit from Pejepscot Terrace missing under Town Owned Open Space Inventory. She asked if members had any other information to add under the timber harvest management and Casco Bay sections and asked for verification of the 66 acre transmitter site visit. Amanda Mahaffey, referring to timber management on harvesting town owned properties, suggested revisiting as no plans were finalized due to access. In reference to Casco Bay Estuary, Amanda M. believes that they were waiting for the grant to proceed. Anna Breinich suggested inviting Steve Walker to a meeting for an update on the grant.

Review 2012 Goals

1. Brunswick Landing
 - o Conveyance of 66 acre parcel
 - o Working with Bowdoin College
 - o IF&W Bird Survey results
2. Town Owned Open Space Report
 - o Presenting report to Council
 - o Following up on recommended actions
 - o Posting on website
 - o Updating accordingly
3. Revisiting River to the Bay 2002 Open Space Plan
4. Signage
 - o Continued efforts with Casco Bay Estuary Partnership
 - o Adding and enhancing around town
5. Outreach
 - o Expand and meet with neighboring towns, Recreation Commission, BTLT,
6. Regional Trails Allowance
7. Regional Conservation Planning effort
8. public activity/participation
 - o event
9. Public relations
 - o Webpage and newsletter

Establish 2013 Goals

1. Brunswick Landing
 - o IF&W Bird Survey results
 - o Joint workshop with the Recreation Commission to discuss proceeding with Rec 7 and 66 acre site
 - o Conveyance of 66 acre parcel
2. Town Owned Open Space Report completion
3. Revisiting River to the Bay 2002 Open Space Plan (note to make an agenda item on the next joint workshop with the Recreation Commission)
4. Signage
 - o Continued efforts with Casco Bay Estuary Partnership

5. Outreach and Public Relations

- Website
- Expand and meet with neighboring towns, Recreation Commission, BTLT, Regional Trails Allowance
- Cleanup event or joint event with another group

**Clarify outreach, public relations subcommittee members for next meeting

Other Business

- a) Meeting with BTLT potential February meeting; Amanda Bunker to confirm
- b) Next meeting: February 13, 2013
- c) Anna Breinich introduced the new Town Planner, Jeremy Doxsee

Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary