



TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

85 UNION STREET  
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

**- AGENDA -**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, 85 UNION STREET  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014 - 5:00 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
  - a) July 9, 2014
- 3. Conservation Commission Activities**
  - a) Natural Resource Stewardship
    - Enclosed in packet are following 3 easement inspection reports, for discussion at September meeting:
      - Granite Farm
      - Damarin Lane
      - Wood Pond
  - b) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning
    - Open Space Inventory workshop
      - Staff forwarded request to Interim Town Manager
    - Captain Fitzgerald Park
      - Email from Shane Duigan, District Forester for Maine Forest Service, regarding potential wood harvest
    - BNAS Conveyances
      - Recap of baseline inventory site visit to West Side (sawtooth) parcel
    - Email from Dan Devereaux regarding recent activity on Pellegrini conservation parcel
  - c) Policy & Program Development
    - Set workshop date for discussion of summer/fall policy development goals
  - d) Subcommittee Tasks
    - Update on webpage development
  - e) Coordination & Communications
    - R&CW Commission update
    - MEACC invitation to September meeting?
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Adjourn**

Please call the Brunswick Department of Planning and Development (207-725-6660) with any questions or comments. Individuals needing auxiliary aids for effective communications, please call 725-6659 or TDD 725-5521

## **BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Brunswick Conservation Commission is to serve the Brunswick community by advocating for conservation values and stewarding our ecologically rich natural communities and open spaces.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Conservation Commission serves the community of Brunswick by promoting land conservation to benefit Brunswick residents and visitors; fostering the conservation of open space, habitat and ecological values; advocating for the appropriate protection, development, or use of open spaces in town; providing educational outreach to residents on local and regional conservation and ecological issues; coordinating with town departments, committees, and local organizations in support of conservation efforts; and overseeing the management of town-owned conservation lands and interests.

### **2014 GOALS**

#### Priority Actions:

- Better define and establish the Conservation Commission roles (possible joint input meeting with staff, Town Boards and Committees) through ordinance or other policy documentation
  - Develop minimum guidelines for properties or easements that the Town will accept for mitigation or subdivision plans
  - Hold a workshop with the Council to discuss the Commission's role, policies, and priorities
- Encourage Commission members to individually serve as Liaison with other committees and organizations to improve communications and coordination
- Continue to be involved in the management and planning of Brunswick Landing and Conveyance Properties with conservation and recreation values:
  - Captain Fitzgerald Park
  - Conveyance properties currently without management plans
  - Kate Furbish Preserve – support role for established management plan
- Submit the Town Owned Open Space Inventory to the Council, and post the document on the Conservation Commission website; follow up with the Council and staff on the action items and recommendations from the Inventory report

#### Other Important Goals and Tasks (ongoing):

- Revisit the River to the Bay Open Space Plan – what can the Commission do towards implementation?
- Enhance public education & communication
  - Develop the Conservation Commission website as a resource for the community and Commission
- Hold another Clean-up Day for a conservation property
- Addressing invasive species issues in town
- Development of Androscoggin River Trail (joint work with the Recreation Commission)
- Strengthen relationship with Town Council
- Provide input on the Brunswick Zoning Ordinance Rewrite