



TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

85 UNION STREET
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

- AGENDA -

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1ST FLOOR, 85 UNION STREET
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015 – 4:30 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a) November 12, 2014
- 3. Conservation Commission Activities**
 - a) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning
 - Review and take action on proposed Forestry Management Plan for Otter Trace
 - Garin M. Peck, *Forester/Wetland Scientist* with Jones Associates, Inc., will give a brief presentation and will be available to answer questions
 - Discussion re. upcoming Open Space Inventory Council Workshop
 - b) Captain William A. Fitzgerald USN – Recreation and Conservation Area Master Plan Policy & Program Development
 - Review and discuss December 10th meeting
 - c) Subcommittee Tasks (no business)
 - d) Coordination & Communications
 - Looking ahead to February Agenda:
 - R&CW Commission update
 - Update from Emily Norton on the State Wildlife Action Plan
 - Update from Dan Devereaux on the Harbor Management Plan
- 4. Other Business**
 - a) Discuss 2015 goals and objectives
 - b) Review CC comments to ZORC
- 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