

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JULY 9, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Amanda Bunker, Vice Chairman Kurt Stinson, Secretary Jason Coombs, and Tom Rumpf

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Doxsee

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 in Council Chambers, 85 Union Street, 1st Floor. Chair Amanda Bunker called the meeting to order at 4:30P.M.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

- a) June 11, 2014 – Tabled until the August meeting.

3. Conservation Commission Activities

a) Natural Resource Stewardship: Bowdoin Fellow, Violet Ranson presented a PowerPoint presentation and review of the inspection reports for Bunganuc, Plourde and John's Point. Amanda Bunker suggested that the maps include the name of the subdivision association if applicable for future reference. Amanda suggested that a general notification be created listing the restrictions, access whether it be public and expectations of neighbors abutting easements. Amanda noted that the Lands Committee for BTLT continues to look at John's Point and Willow Creek to potentially take over the easements from the Town. Jeremy Doxsee noted that of the sites inspected, it was difficult to locate the medallions.

- Bunganuc easement inspection: Some encroachment from wash-up and a zip-line. Suggestion to terminate easement; Tom Rumpf agrees. Amanda Bunker suggested that the Commission create a general easement notice with restrictions and responsibilities.
- Plourde easement inspection: Incline continues to erode and two locations of encroachment that have been noted in past two easement reports. Jeremy Doxsee noted that the contact person for the easement was notified and went out during the last inspection and said that he would remove them; this has not been done.
- John's Point easement inspection: Difficulty in locating medallions and gaining entrance onto the easement. Invasive plants were noted and seen.

b) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning

- Open Space Inventory submitted
 - o Discuss next steps: Plan has been submitted and received favorably. Amanda Bunker stated that they may have a joint workshop earlier than expected and should start thinking about what questions they want to ask.
- Recap Captain Fitzgerald Park site visit
 - o Discuss next steps: Amanda Bunker stated that they have had a site visit and hope to start writing their recommendations. Jeremy Doxsee replied that he has spoken to Tom Farrell or Park and Recreation about the burn and they were in agreement that the site be burned every year. Tom Rumpf replied

that he believes it should be burned every few years and believes that more needs to be done aside from burning to restore the site. Amanda asked Tom to outline management objectives for 2014 and 2015 based on their discussions. (NOTE: following the meeting, based on input from Tom Farrell on the upcoming Capt. Fitzgerald property planning effort, this task was put on hold.) Jason Coombs to research tree removal options. (NOTE: following the meeting, tree harvesting/removal options were researched by Tom Rumpf.)

Brunswick Landing Conveyances

Discuss baseline inventory of sawtooth parcel: Amanda Bunker stated that what they are going for is an inventory of the sawtooth parcel and suggested a workshop be scheduled. Jeremy Doxsee noted that this parcel is the biggest parcel with east west access restrictions via a chain link fence. Potential date of 7/23 at 4:00 P.M. Kurt Stinson suggested that a MRRRA Representative go along as they can help with access issues and can usually provide a history of what the Navy used the area for.

c) Policy & Program Development

Set workshop date for discussion of summer/fall policy development goals: Amanda Bunker pointed out that the goals and objectives for the Commission are printed on the backs of the agenda as a reminder. Tom Rumpf suggested that they look into State Association of Conservation Commission because one item on their list is clarifying what Conservation Commissions are supposed to be doing. Amanda replied that this has been on their radar for several years. Kurt Stinson said that it would be a good idea to have something written ahead of time before they meet with the Council. Discussion between members on process and the need to have an established process for easement relinquishment and consequences when easement agreements are not being followed.

d) Subcommittee Tasks

Website: Jeremy Doxsee stated that he and Jason Coombs have created a list of suggested context and have spoken to the Administrative Assistant about getting the information up on the site. Jeremy noted that they looked at many sites and stated that most are bare bones. Jeremy said that there is no way for the Town to track the website and suggested that they create a Facebook page.

e) Coordination & Communications

R&CW Commission updates: None

MEACC: Tom Rumpf stated that they talked about trail work. Jeremy Doxsee stated that they have renewed their membership.

Signs (CBEP): Hopefully placing signage up per Bethany, but waiting for photos. Jeremy Doxsee replied that he spoke with Tom Farrell who was forwarding the pictures that were requested. Jeremy said that they are looking for historical pictures of Mere Point and other locations that Bethany has requested. Amanda Bunker stated that they need to keep track of this because it is really beneficial to the Commission.

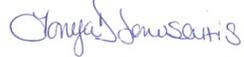
4. Other Business

- a) Brunswick zoning rewrite status: Jeremy Doxsee stated that there should be a draft available towards the end of the month.
- b) Review meeting/site visit schedule for July/August: Site visit to sawtooth parcel on 7/23 and next regular meeting on 8/13.

5. Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary

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