

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
AUGUST 12, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Amanda Bunker, Secretary Jason Coombs, and Tom Rumpf

**STAFF PRESENT:** Anna Breinich, Jeremy Doxsee

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 in Council Chambers, 85 Union Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Chair Amanda Bunker called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

a) July 9, 2014: Postponed to the September meeting.

3. Conservation Commission Activities

a) Natural Resource Stewardship

- Enclosed in packet are following 3 easement inspection reports, for discussion at September meeting:

- o Granite Farm: Repot provided for members to review.

- o Damarin Lane: to be inspected in September.

- o Wood Pond: Repot provided for members to review.

b) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning

- Open Space Inventory workshop: Request has been forwarded for potential date to hold a joint workshop with the Town Council. Amanda Bunker suggested that the agenda for the workshop be based upon the highlights of the Open Space Inventory Plan.

- o Staff forwarded request to Interim Town Manager

- Captain Fitzgerald Park

- o Email from Shane Duigan, District Forester for Maine Forest Service, regarding potential wood harvest: Amanda Bunker stated that she was able to attend a site visit with the consultants and noted that there was a lot of young blueberry filling in and not a lot of grass.

Because the blueberry is growing in so quickly, the question of a potential fall burn is depending on the input from the Maine Forest Service and consultants and specialists. Amanda stated that there is another site walk scheduled for August 25 with a regional biologist, butterfly specialist, and consultants; Amanda has asked that the Commission be invited to this walk. Amanda believes that they should be hearing something soon from Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation about a meeting to discuss the future development of the land. Amanda noted that Tom was able to reach out to the District Forester, Shane Duigan, about the trees; hopeful to move forward with harvesting this fall. Discussion on how to keep the burn issue moving forward with the limited staff, continuing to pursue tree harvesting this fall and the next steps on the development of the plan.

Discussion on Sappi as the potential harvester and Town forest management.

Amanda Bunker noted that the parcels around the airfield are clearly dominant grasslands with some mixed vegetation and asked what management practices are used to keep the area around the airfield clear and would that be suitable for this area.

- BNAS Conveyances

- o Recap of baseline inventory site visit to West Side (sawtooth) parcel: Amanda Bunker to forward report to members and bring back to the September meeting. Amanda stated that the trees are definitely pitch pine. The area is mostly forested with a small grassland area with trees beginning to grow. Amanda said that the area that they walked was predominately pine and expressed that they need to keep the bittersweet out of the pine with is nicely kept to one side of the road at this time. Amanda suggested that they pull what is spreading along the road and doing this annually to keep it from spreading to the other side of the road. Jeremy Doxsee replied that there is a really nice pitch pine community in the south with nice lighting. Amanda noted that Catherine Ferdinand, Bowdoin College representative (abutting landowner), was able to go on the walk with them.

- Email from Dan Devereaux regarding recent activity on Pellegrini conservation parcel: Amanda Bunker reviewed an email by Dan Devereaux, Marine Resources Officer, about an individual harvesting rock from this site who has since been advised that this land is property of the Town and not allowed. Amanda noted that the former owner of this land lives next door and is not happy with the management of the land; this is the time to set practices

on better management of conservation lands for the future. Jeremy Doxsee suggested that they obtain one more follow-up from Dan before responding.

c) Policy & Program Development

- Set workshop date for discussion of summer/fall policy development goals: working on setting up a workshop date with Town Council.

d) Subcommittee Tasks

- Update on webpage development: Jeremy Doxsee stated that they have a good template for what they want to do with the website and will continue to work on this. Amanda Bunker suggested adding a page on other conservation events. Jeremy suggested a reporter from the Forecaster attend the workshop in hopes to gain more coverage.

e) Coordination & Communications

- R&CW Commission update: Update at the September meeting. Amanda Bunker suggested that Dan Devereaux attend and present about the Harbor Management Plan at some point.
- MEACC invitation to September meeting: As suggested by Kurt Stinson at the last meeting, Amanda Bunker to touch base with a representative (Marcel) about attending a joint meeting to discuss what is going on at the State.

4. Other Business

5. Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:44.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis  
Recording Secretary

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