

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Amanda Bunker, Vice Chair Kurt Stinson, Reg Elwell, and Tom Rumpf

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeremy Doxsee

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 in Council Chambers, 85 Union Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Chair Amanda Bunker called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes**

- a) June 11, 2014, July 9, 2014, August 12, 2014

**MOTION BY TOM RUMPF TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE, 11, 2014, JULY 9, 2014 AND AUGUST 12, 2014. SECONDED BY KURT STINSON, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AMONG THOSE PRESENT.**

**Conservation Commission Activities**

- a) Natural Resource Stewardship

- Discussion of 3 easement inspection reports reviewed at August meeting (Granite Farm, Damarin Lane and Wood Pond). Amanda Bunker noted that these reports were briefly reviewed at the last meeting and asked members if they had any other questions or changes. Tom Rumpf asked if the landowners are contacted when these sites are reviewed. Jeremy Doxsee replied that landowners are notified of the inspection. Jeremy pointed out that in last summer's inspections they did not note any large area of invasive or encroachment issues. Amanda reiterated her previous comments they need to figure out a better way to manage easements and noted that she has signed onto the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust as a monitor for some easement properties.

**MOTION BY TOM RUMPF TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT INSPECTION REPORTS FOR GRANITE FARM, DAMARIN LANE AND WOOD POND. SECONDED BY KURT STINSON, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning

- Open Space Inventory workshop:

o Staff forwarded workshop request to Interim Town Manager John Eldridge: Amanda Bunker said that they are still waiting to hear back on a workshop date and suggested that they reach out to Councilor Benet Pols again.

- Captain Fitzgerald Park

o Update on potential wood harvest: Amanda Bunker said that a reminder was sent out to Tom Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, regarding the potential costs and value associated with the harvest if the Town were doing it themselves to be able to present to Town Council. Tom Rumpf replied that he has forwarded a better map and reminder to the representative of SAPPI so that they could figure out where the boundaries were to conduct a better assessment. Amanda added that in discussions about another burn, it has been said that it would be better if a tree harvest were conducted prior to the burn.

Tom Rumpf asked about the Management Plan Committee and Amanda replied that it is still in limbo. Kurt Stinson replied that they need more committee members to represent the citizens who live in the area. Agreement among members that once the committee starts, Tom Rumpf and Kurt Stinson will represent the Conservation Commission.

- BNAS Conveyances

o Recap of baseline inventory site visit to West Side (sawtooth) parcel: Amanda Bunker suggested that they focus on the areas not heavily invaded by invasives in the West Side parcel and the Captain Fitzgerald where things can still be managed relatively easy. Amanda said that there are many areas where they could not make any headway, but she believes that they can make this a priority. Jeremy Doxsee said that one thing to bring up to the Town Council is lack of resources. If the Committee wanted to go out to the sawtooth parcel, to eradicate the Bittersweet along the footpath, it would be helpful to have the appropriate equipment and will the town be able to allocate these resources. Amanda suggested that they hold an outdoor clean-up meeting and handle the Japanese Knotweed on the Captain Fitzgerald site and the Bittersweet on the sawtooth property; Amanda to research disposal.

c) Policy & Program Development

- Discussion of comments to send to Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Committee re. Chapter 4 of draft ordinance: Amanda Bunker said that she feels like the draft ordinance addresses some of their concerns about open space

subdivisions. Tom Rumpf stated that under 4.a. under Conservation Land, the percent that should be set aside for open space should be buildable land not unbuildable land. Jeremy replied that this is a good point and suggested separate lists. Amanda Bunker clarified for open space development, they really need to clarify the purpose of the open space land. Tom replied that this land should be contiguous and not strips or little pieces here and there. Amanda replied that it would not be bad to be more explicit in this language; language could be beefed up on what the land really should be.

Amanda Bunker discussed fee ownership under Conservation Easements to the Town. Tom Rumpf suggested where they could place language that a percentage of buildable land be set aside and unbuildable land should not qualify to meet the Open Space set aside requirement. Kurt Stinson liked Amanda's suggestion of a fee donation, but believes that the language would need to be clearer under Section C.1. Jeremy to compile notes and forward to ZORC the recommended revisions by the Commission.

d) Subcommittee Tasks

- Update on webpage development: Amanda Bunker said that not much has been done since the last meeting due to other priorities.

e) Coordination & Communications

- R&CW Commission update: Reg Elwell replied that he has not been able to attend the meetings but he does know that there is a recommendation out to DEP to expand the boat ramp use from October thru May for commercial fishermen. Jeremy Doxsee reviewed some comments pertaining to the East Brunswick ZORC meeting and the proposed zoning ordinance changes.
- MEACC invitation to October meeting: Amanda Bunker has no information at this time. Jeremy Doxsee replied that this is a placeholder.

**Other Business**

**Adjourn**

This meeting was adjourned at 5:36.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis  
Recording Secretary

Approved 11/12/14

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