



TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

85 UNION STREET
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

- AGENDA -

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1ST FLOOR, 85 UNION STREET
4:30 P.M.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a) February 11, 2015
- 3. Conservation Commission Activities**
 - a) Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust presentation
 - Overview of current projects and goals.
 - Discussion items: ongoing coordination efforts, conservation easements, town forest properties, etc.
 - b) Council follow-up from February 5th
 - Discuss possible short-term action items, for Council feedback
 - c) Mare Brook watershed management plan proposal
 - d) Proposed changes to Land Care Ordinance
 - e) Coordination & Communications
 - Adoption of 2015 goals and objectives
 - Adoption of 2014 annual report
 - Captain Fitzgerald Park update, management plan review

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