

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Amanda Bunker, Vice Chair Kurt Stinson, Tom Rumpf (arrived at 5:03) and Sandy Stott

STAFF PRESENT: Town Planner, Jared Woolston

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 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 – Postponed due to lack of quorum.

3. Coordination and Communication

a) Follow-up items

1) Proposed changes to Land Care Ordinance: Amanda Bunker stated that this is related to allowing for the treatment of invasive species on Parks and Recreation land, in particular the land conveyance properties. Based on discussions, it is hoped that they could have better use of herbicides on invasive species. Amanda noted that concerns are in making sure that this is necessary and that just because this treatment is allowed, is it needed. Amanda is hoping for a meeting with Steve Walker, Tom Farrell and staff to discuss specifics.

2) Sept. 19th Common Good Day at Town Commons: Amanda Bunker stated that she has not reached out to the Town Commons group, but that Anna Breinich has; Amanda does not know if more help is needed.

3) Amanda Bunker stated that they are still on track for a prescribed burn at the remaining portion of Captain Fitzgerald this fall; it is hoped that the former Forest Ranger, John Leavitt, will be present.

4. Development Review

a) Site visit scheduled for Rose Douglas Village, Sept. 16th, 5:00 p.m.

5. Conservation Commission Activities

a) Proposed community field day at Furbish Preserve: Amanda Bunker stated that Tom Farrell would like them to stick to the area by the golf course and is less encumbered by access restrictions. Amanda said that there is an easy access trail in

this area that would be good for a community walk, with an area of knotweed that can use clean-up. Amanda also said that there is a second trail that she and Jared Woolston will be visiting on 9/11/15 that can use trail pruning. Sandy Stott suggested cleaning up the knotweed. Amanda asked the Commission if they wanted to serve light refreshments and stated that they will need to connect with Peter Baecher about disposal. Kurt Stinson suggested that they conduct the tour and the clean-up concurrently. Sandy agreed with Kurt. Decision among members to start at 5:00 on September 30th with a brief overview and map, walk along the trail to be followed by clean-up of the invasive site for those interested. Kurt to touch base with the High School about community service hours for students. Amanda noted that it will be archery season. Tom Rumpf noted that at a recent meeting he has attended, it was discussed that simply removing knotweed is not enough and that the use of herbicides is recommended. Amanda pointed out that this will be a bring your own pruners event; no power tools. Amanda to touch base with the Recreation Commission and to the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust. Commission members encouraged to bring a light refreshment to share.

6. Other Business

a) None

6. Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary

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