

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 9, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Kurt Stinson, Vice Chair Amanda Mahaffey, Secretary Amanda Bunker, Jason Coombs

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Doxsee

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Brunswick Town Hall, 28 Federal Street. Chairman Kurt Stinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to order

2. Conservation Commission Activities:

a) Captain Fitzgerald Park & nearby recreation property on BNAS

- Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development, will be in attendance for discussion and to answer questions.

Tom Farrell reviewed and answered the questions provided to him by the Conservation Committee which were generated at the last meeting/workshop on September 11, 2013. Tom suggested that the Management Plan, for all the parcels, begin after the beginning of the New Year in a joint workshop. Tom discussed the possibility of grants. Tom stated that since the last Conservation Committee meeting, more research has been conducted into a prescriptive burn and it may be possible to hold a prescriptive burn in the spring of 2014. Tom stated that Ranger John Leavitt will take the first stand in creating a burn plan which will have to then go before the public for review and comment.

Amanda Bunker asked if they should be looking at habitat management plans on properties other than the former transmittal site. Tom replied that they should be looking at habitat management plans in the other areas.

Tom Farrell stated that one recommendation of particular note that the Recreation Stakeholder group recommended to the Town Council was to apply for Maine Conservation Core Veteran Community Leader Grant; Town Council authorized Tom Farrell to apply for this grant and they have been selected. Tom stated that the veteran leader will be working with the department in March and trails will begin to be worked on.

Tom Farrell stated that Town Council voted to open the Furbish Preserves to hunting starting this season. Tom pointed out four parcels that remain to be conveyed to the Town and stated that in his recommendation, due to these

parcels still waiting on habitat research, that the area not be opened to hunting this season. Tom stated that after speaking with the Navy it was decided that the Navy would place signage around the four parcels to be conveyed, to the effect that the land was still under environmental testing and no trespassing. Town Council looked favorably on this; on the 21st of October the council will be looking at the Firearms Discharge Ordinance to place the Furbish parcel within the Firearms Discharge Ordinance. Tom stated that the Navy hopes to have some preliminary data on the four outparcels to share early in the New Year.

Jason Coombs asked if hunting was allowed on the 66 acre site. Tom Farrell replied that it is allowed until the Master Plan is updated.

Amanda Mahaffey suggested that the Navy place a date on the signage so that people realize that the signs are in effect. Tom agreed but stated that they will need to talk to the Navy. Tom discussed fencing and funding.

Tom Farrell stated that one thing that the Recreation Commission has long talked about is the trail above the dam/Androscoggin from Mill Street to the overpass and the need for assistance from the Conservation Commission in identifying sensitive areas that should be avoided where they might sight and alignment. Jeff Ward stated that his hope is that as they look at the trails along the Furbish property that they can look at all the trails that need to be looked at to create a comprehensive plan so that as they apply for grants and hire outside assistance, they have as comprehensive of a scale as possible. Tom suggested that the Conservation Commission walk the property and create a prioritized list that they can then work on with the Recreation Commission. Tom suggested that a small core group of people would be the most effective way to get things done; Jeff agreed.

b) Brunswick Landing (no updates)

c) Natural Resource Stewardship

- Review and accept revised easement reports: Jeremy Doxsee stated that these reports were seen at the September meeting and noted that some changes were made such as formatting and language clean-up. Kurt Stinson pointed out that the reports also include the easement documents. Jeremy Doxsee added that for future reference he felt that the easement documents were important. Jeremy added that he tried to include the previous visit along with approximate duration as suggested. Jeremy did not include acreage as suggested, but may be something that can be done in the future.

- o Breezy Point

- o Arrowhead Farm

- o Sweeny
- o Miller's Point
- o Moody Road

MOTION BY AMANDA MAHAFFEY TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT MONITORING REPORTS FOR BREEZY POINT, ARROWHEAD FARM, SWEENY, MILLER'S POINT, AND MOODY ROAD. SECONDED BY JASON COOMBS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

d) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning

- Confirm timeline and next steps for submission of Open Space Inventory to Town Council. Kurt Stinson reviewed the timeline and Jeremy added that the maps were updated. Amanda Bunker added that they were also looking at information and still have not looked at the property deeds. Jeremy stated that Steve Walker had amended some of the language; Jeremy to forward to the Commission for review and comment.

e) Subcommittee Updates • None

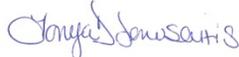
3. Other Business

- Next meeting – November 13, 2013

4. Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary

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