Town of Brunswick, Maine
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
85 UNION STREET
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
- AGENDA -
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016
TOWN HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
85 UNION STREET
4:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Call for Vote: Chair**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

4. **Coordination and Communication**

   a) Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission (RCWC) – Steve Tibbetts

5. **Development Review**

   a) Bayside Subdivision Conservation/Recreation Parcels – Anna Breinich (materials provided in separate packet)

6. **Conservation Commission Activities**

   a) New Meadows/Casco Bay Estuary Partnership – Alicia Heyburn

   b) Milkweed Meadow Walk – Sandy Stott

   c) Capt. Fitzgerald Management Activities

6. **Other Business**

   a) January meeting

7. **Adjourn**

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 TTY 725-5521

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.

Primary Priorities for 2016:

1. Update the Conservation Commission ordinance and better define the Commission's roles and duties, and develop appropriate policies for town conservation actions and responsibilities.
2. Continue to assist in the conservation management, planning, and stewardship of Brunswick Landing Conveyance Properties, in particular the Western "Sawtooth" Parcel.
3. Continue to be involved in the conservation management activities for Captain Fitzgerald Park, including planning next steps for conservation management.
4. Identify management and stewardship needs and priorities for other town-owned conservation properties, using the Conservation Commission's Inventory for guidance.

Secondary Priorities:

1. Follow up with the Council and Town Manager on short-term actions and priorities.
2. Assist with conservation and public education activities for Kate Furbish Preserve.
3. Continue to work on targeted invasive species efforts (current efforts: Fitzgerald Park, Furbish Preserve, Western Sawtooth), and on updating town policy as needed for appropriate invasive species treatments.

Ongoing work for 2016:

1. Communications with other Brunswick Commissions, and affiliate conservation entities such as BTLT.
2. Follow the progress of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Mare Brook Watershed study.
3. Host a 2016 field day to promote Conservation Commission efforts and inform residents about specific conservation properties
4. Follow the continuing town zoning re-write, with review as needed on conservation and open space issues.