



Town of Brunswick, Maine
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

85 UNION STREET
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL AGENDA
BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL
85 UNION STREET
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 5 P.M.

**THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON OR
VIEW THE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

HOW TO WATCH AND COMMENT VIA ZOOM

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Comments are allowed during the public comment period and at the discretion of the meeting facilitator.

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PRIOR TO THE MEETING OR THEY MAY PROVIDE LIVE COMMENT AT THE MEETING
VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. (Follow Up) Discuss Filling Vacant Seat(s) on Conservation Commission (Sandy)**
- 3. Mere Brook Steering Committee Update (Ashley)**
 - a) H&H Study Discussion
 - b) 319 – Phase 1 Work Plan (4 culverts)
 - c) Watershed Map
- 4. Botany Place Update – Runoff Initiative (Sandy)**
 - a) Pesticide Ordinance Updates (Ashley)
 - b) Next Steps (Open Discussion)
- 5. Upcoming Town Council Meeting & Presentation 5/15 (Sandy)**
 - a) Dan Devereaux’s Presentation – *State of the Bay*
- 6. Public Lands Subgroup Updates (Kurt, Rob, Ashley)**
 - a) Conservation Easement Monitoring (continued on next page)

- 1) Schedule (Rob & Ashley)
- 2) Manual (Kurt & Ashley)
- 3) GIS App Updates (Ashley)
- 4) Bowdoin Intern (Ashley)

- b) Previous Meeting's Discussions – Set Dates (Sandy)
 - 1) Fitzgerald Property Cutting & Maintenance
 - 2) Set Knotweed Cutting Date

7. General Updates & Discussions

- a) **Troy Moon Presentation** (Ashley)
 - 1) Planning & Other Logistics (Ashley)
 - 2) Finalize Presentation Topics (Open Discussion)
- b) **YardScaping Presentation** (Ashley)
- c) **Climate Action Plan** (Ashley)

8. Adjourn



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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 2023:

1. Continue to assist in the conservation management, planning, and stewardship of Captain Fitzgerald Park and Brunswick Landing Conveyance Properties, in particular the Western “Sawtooth” Parcel. In particular, we’d like to see the wildlife survey for Western Sawtooth completed so that the management plan can be accepted by Council and go into effect.
2. Continue to work on targeted invasive species efforts (current efforts: Fitzgerald Park, Furbish Preserve, Western Sawtooth). Learn more about what the Recreation Department plans to do with Fitzgerald property. Learn more about the best management practices for the use of herbicides.
3. Identify management and stewardship needs and priorities for other town-owned conservation properties, using the Conservation Commission’s Inventory for guidance. Establish regular review of town-owned properties that are not tied to the Recreation Department or other official entities. Conduct routine monitoring of conservation easements currently under the charge of the Conservation Commission.
4. Provide development project reviews where a conservation component is proposed. Make recommendations on such projects to the Planning Board.
5. Continue to develop an understanding of and advocacy for Mere Brook and its watershed as the work shifts from planning to implementation. Such work includes appropriate coordination and communication with other interested groups, including the anticipated Mere Brook Leadership group.
6. Communicate with other Brunswick Commissions, and affiliate conservation entities such as BTLT. (Rivers and Coastal Waters, Bike/Ped, Rec Commission, Council).

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7. Improve outreach and community involvement through social media, the Brunswick Conservation Commission webpage, and other efforts.
8. Establish subgroups to further pursue and address issues related to:
 - Pesticides/Fertilizers/Runoff
 - Public Lands
 - Watershed