



Town of Brunswick, Maine
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

85 UNION STREET
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

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- AGENDA -
BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019, 4:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Conservation Commission Activities

- a) Review and approval of summer 2019's easement reports
- b) Update on Climate Action - Tom R
- c) Captain Fitzgerald knotweed
- d) Follow-up on conversation about easement enforcement
- f) Sawtooth note from MRRA and nascent plan for that parcel

4. Coordination and Communication

- a) Your Land column for November
- b) Need for new members

5. Other Business

- a) Staff Report: Coastal Resilience, Mare Brook watershed planning grant
- b) Next Meeting – Thursday, December 5, 2019, 4:30PM

6. Adjourn

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 2019:

1. Address regrowth of Fitzgerald Park brush and trees especially the northern part of the parcel.
2. Revisit discussions with the Parks and Recreation Department and continue to be involved in other conservation management activities for Captain Fitzgerald Park, including planning next steps for conservation management and review management.
3. Forward an update on the work the Commission has done at Fitzgerald Park and their hopes for Fitzgerald to the Town Council and the Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Continue to work on targeted invasive species efforts (current efforts: Fitzgerald Park, Furbish Preserve, Western Sawtooth). Revisit the knotweed at Captain Fitzgerald in the early spring.
5. Revisit and review management and stewardship needs and priorities for other town-owned conservation properties, using the Conservation Commission's Inventory for guidance. Regular review of town-owned properties that are not tied to the Recreation Department or other town entities

Ongoing Priorities

1. Conduct scheduled easement monitoring.
2. Follow up with the Council and Town Manager on short-term actions and priorities. Prepare and present the Annual Report.
3. Provide more information to the public regarding the value of open space.
4. Communications with other Brunswick Commissions, and affiliate conservation entities such as BTLT.