



Town of Brunswick, Maine
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

85 UNION STREET
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA
BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL
85 UNION STREET
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021, 4:30 P.M.

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

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

All Votes to be Taken Via Roll Call.

THE PUBLIC MAY PROVIDE COMMENT VIA EMAIL (mpanfil@brunswickme.org) PRIOR TO THE MEETING OR THEY MAY PROVIDE LIVE COMMENT AT THE MEETING VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON.

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN TOWN HALL WHETHER VACCINATED OR UNVACCINATED.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes – None**
- 3. Conservation Commission Activities**
 - a. Mere Brook Watershed Management Plan – Nearing completion; interactive map, draft plan presentation to Town Council
 - b. What's next for the Conservation Commission? (Outdoor/Indoor) review goals for 2021 (p.2 of this notice); propose goals for 2022
- 4. Coordination and Communication**
 - a. Your Land – Community Notes
 - b. On Your Minds
- 5. Other Business**
 - a. Staff Report
 - b. Next Meeting – January 6, 2022 (?)
- 6. 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 2021:

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.
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 entity.
4. Develop an understanding of and advocacy for Mere Brook and its watershed as planning proceeds and work begins to raise its quality from that of an “urban-impaired” brook. Such work includes appropriate coordination and communication with other interested groups.
5. Communicate with other Brunswick Commissions, and affiliate conservation entities such as BTLT.