



Town of Brunswick, Maine
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

85 UNION STREET
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL AGENDA
Fitzgerald Park
Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, 4:30 P.M.**

**THERE WILL NOT BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS
MEETING VIA ZOOM.**

**In place of the regularly scheduled meeting, Brunswick Conservation Commission members
will instead perform a site visit to Fitzgerald Park in order to perform invasive species
management via knotweed cutting and removal.**

**These efforts will be in part recorded by Brunswick TV3 and shown as an informational
short film at a later point this month.**

**THE PUBLIC MAY PROVIDE COMMENT VIA EMAIL
(acharleson@brunswickme.org) PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

- 1. Site Visit- The Conservation Commission's annual work session to remove Knotweed at
Fitzgerald Park**

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).
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