



**Town of Brunswick, Maine**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

85 UNION STREET  
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011

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

**THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON OR  
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Comments are allowed during the public comment period and at the discretion of the meeting facilitator.

**THE PUBLIC MAY PROVIDE COMMENT VIA EMAIL ([acharleson@brunswickme.org](mailto:acharleson@brunswickme.org))  
PRIOR TO THE MEETING OR THEY MAY PROVIDE LIVE COMMENT AT THE  
MEETING VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON.**

**1. Call to Order** (*Sandy*)

**2. Administrative** (*Sandy*)

- a) Welcome newest Conservation Commission Member, Helene Harrower
- b) Bowdoin Fellow Introduction, Addison Davis

**3. Progress Updates**

- a) **Conservation Easement Monitoring** (*Rob & Addison*)
  - 1) General updates
  - 2) GIS program feedback
  - 3) Lessons for next year
- b) **Brunswick Watershed Updates** (*Ashley*)
  - 1) Mare Brook – Phase 1 Culvert Remediation Work (timeline, outreach, etc.)
    - Timeline
    - Public Engagement
  - 2) Maquoit Bay Water Quality Study
  - 3) Potential to Connect with Topsham

- c) **Runoff & Pesticides**
  - 1) Botany Place Initiative (*Abby*)
  - 2) Connection to Maquoit Bay Water Quality Study (*Ashley*)
  - 3) Next Steps (*open discussion*)
  
- d) **Public Lands & Field Work-Related** (*Sandy and Kurt*)
  - 1) Fitzgerald Property
    - 1. Knotweed Cutting
    - 2. Sending 2 Conservation Commission Representatives for new Committee Forming RE: Fitzgerald Master Plan
  - 2) Saw Tooth Parcel – Bittersweet Infestation and Possible Remediation Efforts
  
- e) **Climate Action Plan** (*Ashley*)
  - 1) Progress to Date
  - 2) Public Engagement Efforts
  - 3) Next Steps
  
- f) **Looking Back** (*Ashley*)
  - 1) YardScaping Presentation
  - 2) Troy Moon Presentation

4. **New Business** (*open discussion*)

5. **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).
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