

## Calais Conservation Commission Minutes 9/5/12

Members present: Drew Lamb, Stephanie Kaplan, Pam DeAndrea

Guest Present: Candice Shaffer

Absent: Wilson Hughes, Judy Harden, Steve Cusick

Meeting began at 7pm at Calais Town Office

Candice Shaffer presented her work with the natural areas inventory of habitat blocks and database of sightings from town residents. Rivers were missing from the map and we all thought that would be a good addition to the map since all waterways are being used by critters, such as otter and fisher cat. The inventory was limited to 4 indicator species: bear, otter, fisher cat, and bobcat.

There is a data sheet that if you click on it, it will give you all the information associated. Candice went over how the data sheet and map work and what the symbols on the map stand for.

Eric Sorenson should have digital data available since he did the map. This data should be incorporated into the natural resources inventory, which can include the core habitats and linkages. This information would be valuable when the town would plan a curb cut so as not to interfere with a linkage. Candice has an inventory of vernal pools, but needs to be put in a database. Pam took the map and the packet that Candice brought to the meeting.

Natural Resources Inventory: Stephanie pursued some towns to obtain financial information of other NRIs to help draft a budget for the grant. Pam will send Stephanie the word document of the draft text for the Municipal Planning Grant Application. Stephanie will call Denise about meeting for the select board approval of the grant. Will need to meet with them by 9/24/2012.

Other business:

Forest Management Plan: Eric and Jan Brough will come to October meeting to discuss.

Fall Foliage Festival: Drew will email Steve and remind him that he is organizing paddle.